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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides vectors that contain and express in vivo or in vitro sand fly *Lu. longipalpis* salivary antigens that elicit an immune response in animal or human against *Leishmania*, vaccine compositions comprising said vectors and/or *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polypeptides, methods of vaccination against *Leishmania*, and kits for use with such methods and compositions.

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FIGURE 1A

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FIGURE 1B

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FIGURE 2A

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FIGURE 2B

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FIGURE 3

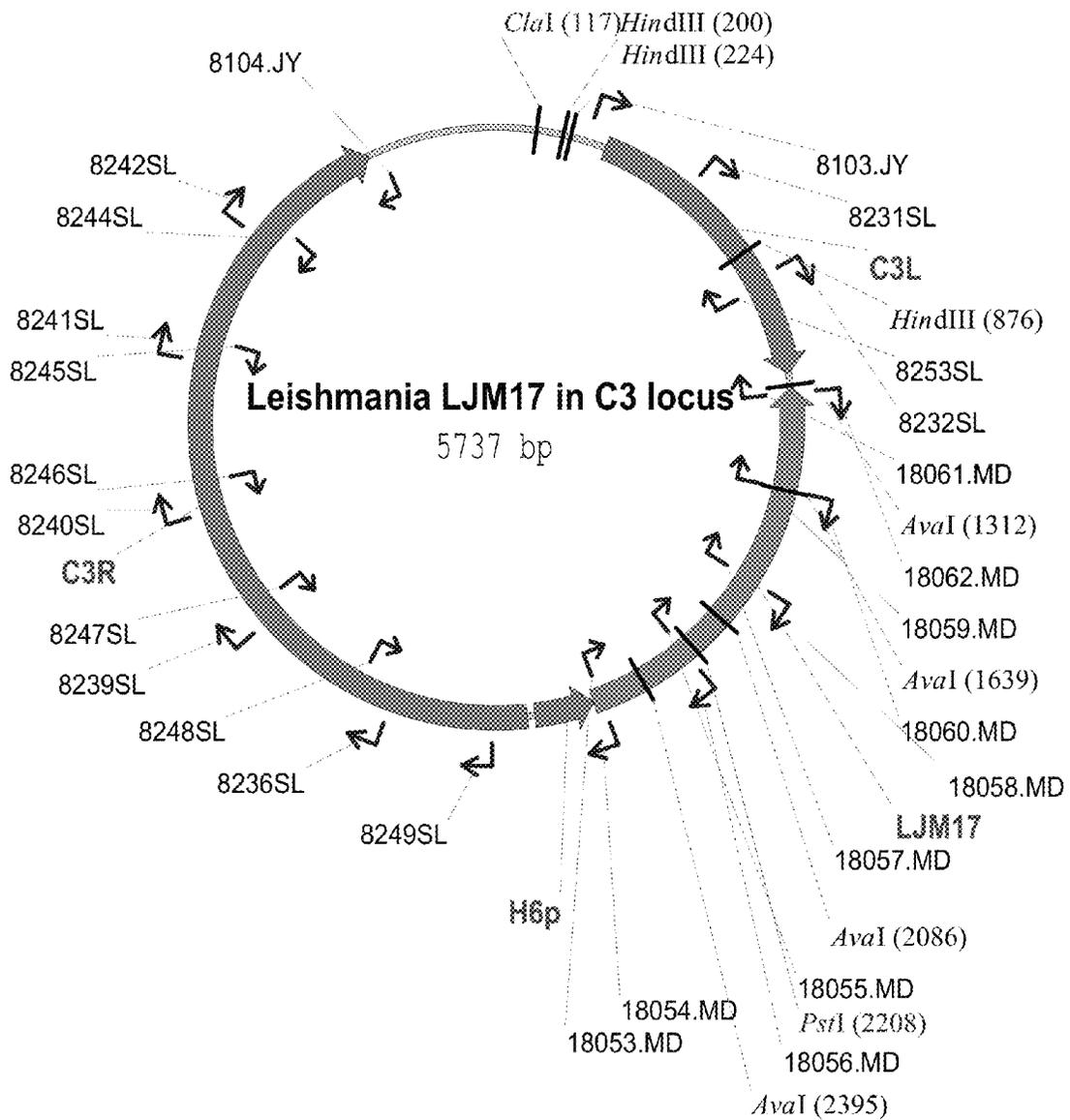


FIGURE 4A

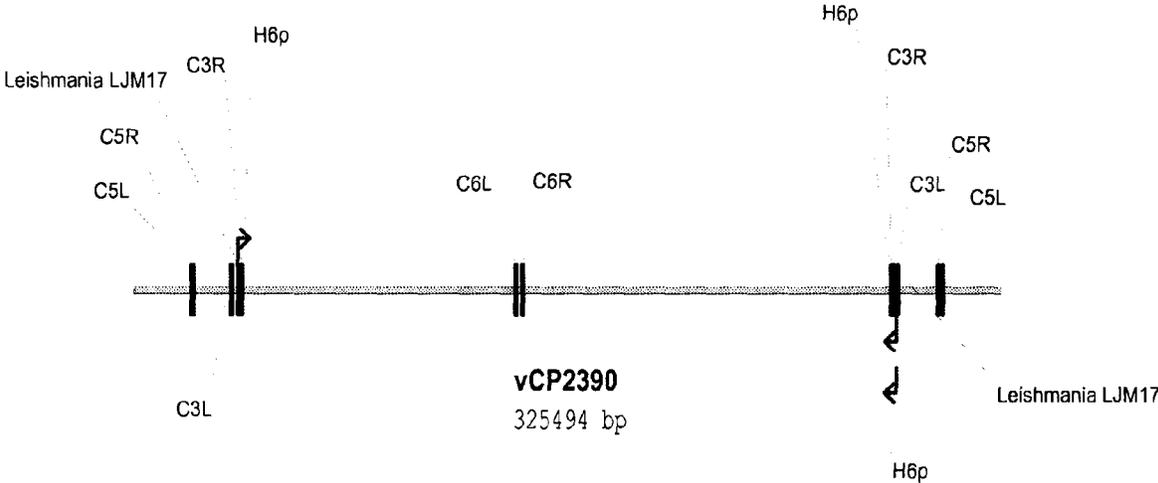


FIGURE 4B

vCP2390 (ALVAC C3 H6p-synthetic Leishmania LJM17) (SEQ ID NO:92)

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[2224-2409]: H6 promoter
[982-2223]: Leishmania LJM17
[2433-4995]: C3 right arm

1 TCAGAAATATTAGATGCCATTCCTTAGTTCCTAGATCAGTAACGTATAGCATACGAGTATA
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121 AATTCAGCAATTTCTCTATTTATCATGTAATATGATTAATACACAGCGTGTCTTTATTTTTT
181 GTTACGATAGTATTTCTAAAGTAAGAGCCAGGAATCCCTAGTAAATAGAAAATAATCCAT
241 ATGAAAAATATAGTAAATGACATAATTTCTAATGTTAAADATATTTATAGGTAATAATCCAGGA
301 AGGGTAATTTTTACATATCTATATACCGCTTATTCAGTATTTAAAAATATACTTTGCCAATC
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421 AAATTACTTAGTATGTAATAATGTAATAAGGATGAAATACACAAACAGCAAAATCGGGT
481 ATTCCCAGGTTGAGAAACCGGTATAAATACATAAATTTCTAGATACCAATTAATAACCTTATA
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601 ATACGAGAGTAACACTACTCATCGTATAACTACTGTTCCTAACAGTGCACACTGATGTTATAA
661 CTCATCTTTGATGTGGTATAAAATGATATAAATAACTAATACACTGGTATTTTATTTCAAT
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1021 GTTGCACCGGCTGTACTTGAACACCCGCTCGGTGTCCACCTTCATGATCCGGATCTTCCG
1081 GTTCACCAACCGCATCTPCCAGATCTTTTCTGGTCCCTCCACGGGGGGGTGGCCCTTGGC
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1201 GCTGCTGAAGATCACGTCGGTGTGTGTCGGGCTTCAGTTCATGTTCAAGTCCAGCAGGA
1261 CACCTGCGGGCTGTGCTCTCGGGCAAGTACAGCACCTTGTGCTCGGGGTCCGTAGGCCAG
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1501 GTTACTTTCATCTGTTCCTGCGCGTGTAGCTGAAGGTGCTCTCTTGTGCGGCCCTCGAA
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1681 GTCCACGGCAAGCCGCGAAGCTCCACCTGGCTGCTGTACAGGTCCTCGGGGATCTCGAA
1741 CCGGTGGATCTCGGGGTGTGGTCTCTTTCAGGTCCTAGGCCATCAGGGTGGGCTTGGC
1801 CTTGGGGTACTGGTCCGGCTGCGCGCTGTGTACTCCACCTTGGCGATGTCCAGCACCCCA
1861 CAGCCGCTTCAGTCTGATCACGGCTGGTACCGTTCACCAGTCTTTCTTGGCCCTC
1921 GCCGTAAACTTCTTGAACCTTCTCGAAGCTGGGGGCCCTCTCCACGGGGAAAGCCGGGCTT
1981 CATCACCATGTTCAAGCTCGGCCACGGTGTAGGGCACCTTGGGCTTCCGCTGGGGATGCC
2041 GATGAACAGCCGGTAGCCCTCGGGGTCCACGGCCAGGCCGGTGGGGATGTTGAACCTGGG
2101 GTTGTAGTCTGTCGGTGTCCAGGCCGTGGAAGGTGATGTTCCGCAGGCTGTAGCCGATCTC
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2641 AATAAATAACATGACAGGATGTGATATTTTCTCTATATAACTCTTGGAAATAGCAAAAT
2701 GGATCAATGATAGATTTGAAAAATTCAAAAAGCAATAAATGATCAAGATTTACAGAC

FIGURE 4C

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FIGURE 4D

vCP2390 (ALVAC C3 H6p-synthetic (coding) *Leishmania* LJM17) (SEQ ID NO:93)

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FIGURE 4E

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FIGURE 6A

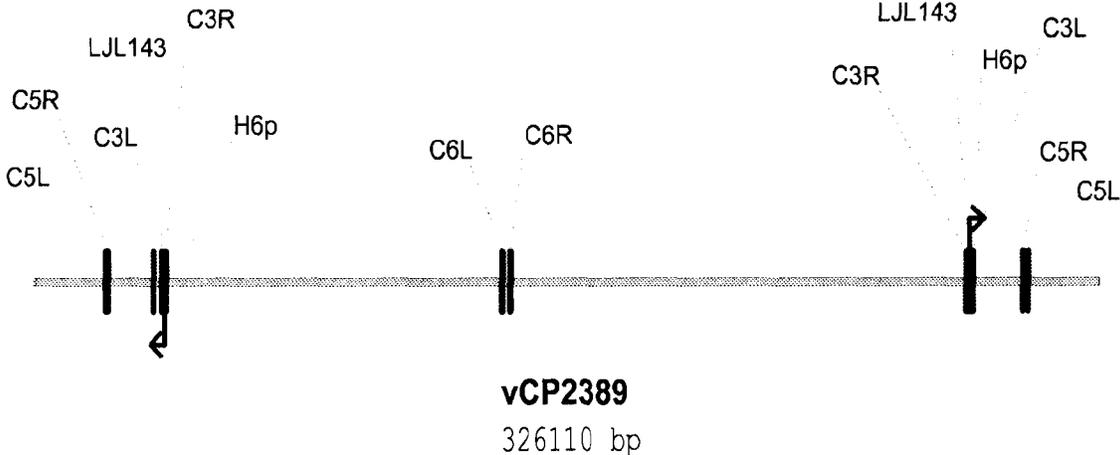


FIGURE 6B

vCP2389 (ALVAC C3 H6p-synthetic Leishmania LJL143) (SEQ ID NO:94)

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[1300-1485]: H6 promoter

[1486-2388]: Leishmania LJL143

[2422-4993]: C3 right arm

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61 ATTCATTTTCATCTGTCAACGTTTCTCTAAGAGATTCATAGGTATTATTATTACATCGAT
121 CTAGAAGTCTAATAACTGCTAAGTATATTATTGGATTTAACGGCGCTATAAACGCATCCAA
181 AACCTACAAATATAGGAGAAGCTTCTCTTATGAACTTCTTAAAGCTTACTCTTACTAT
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FIGURE 6C

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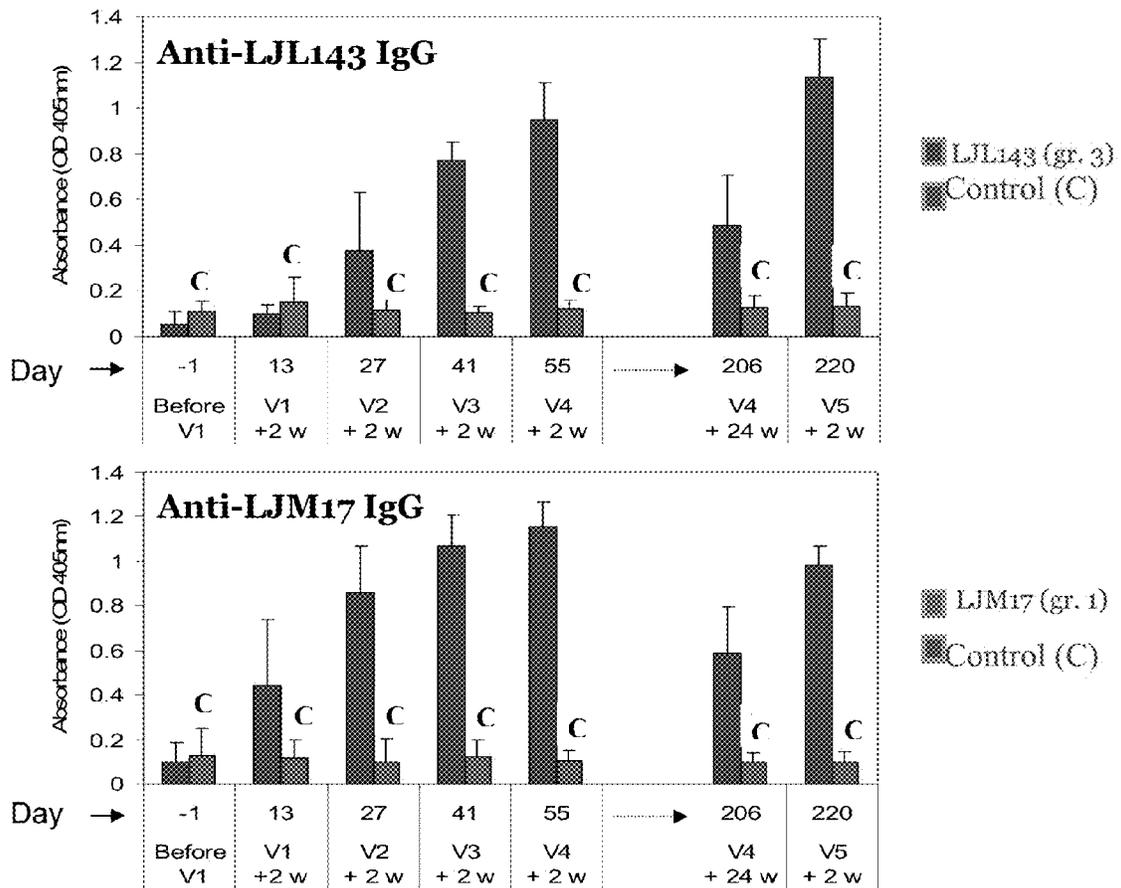


FIGURE 8

Measurement of IFN-gamma secreted at 72h – PBMC from dogs 2 week after 5th immunization, stimulated by SGH (2 pairs) / LJL143 (4 µg) / LJM17 (4 µg) / ConA (4 µg), or non-stimulated by medium (med)

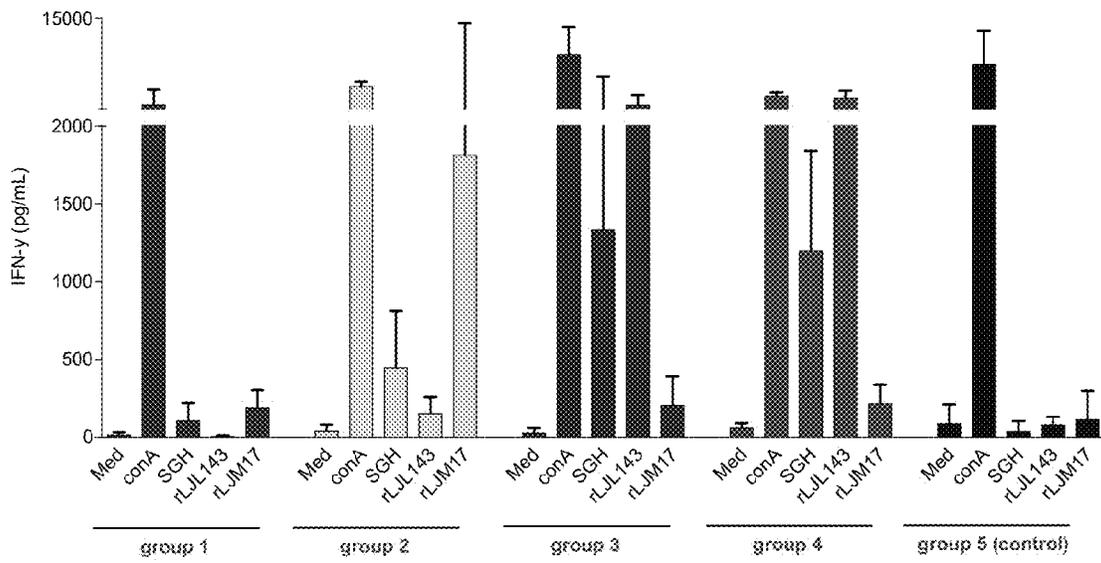


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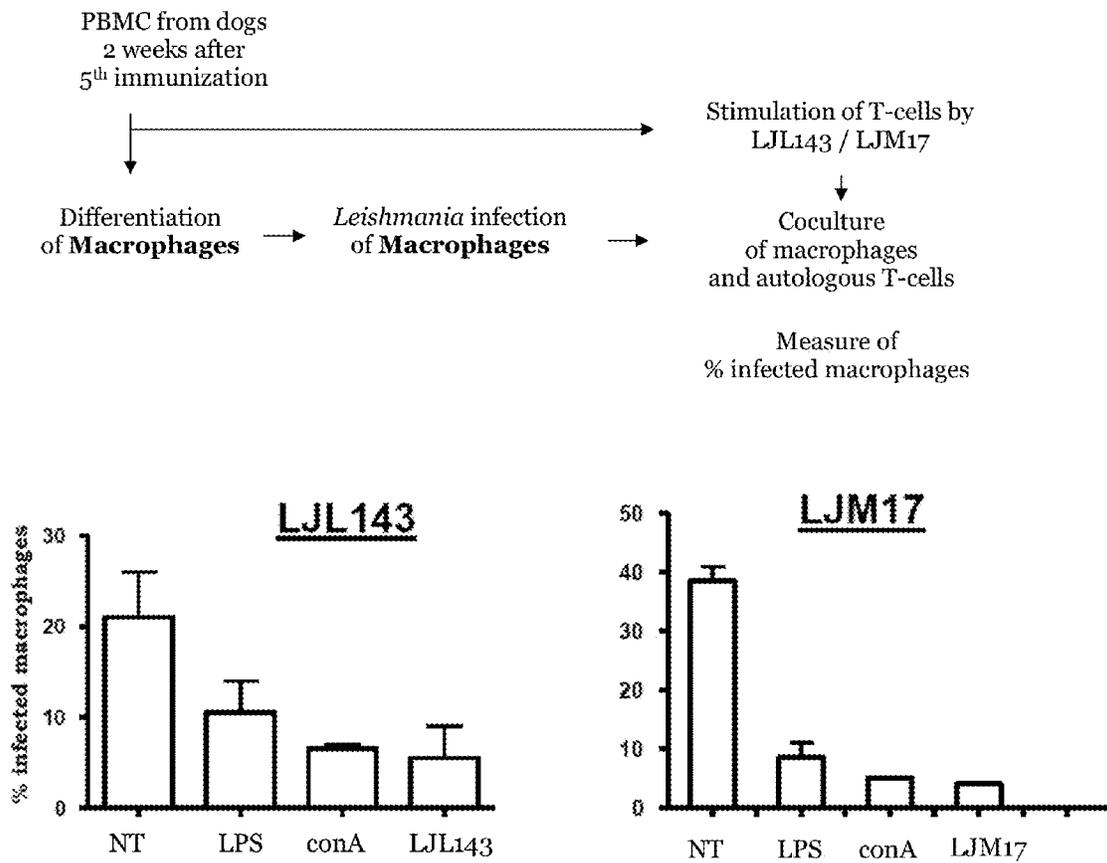


FIGURE 10

20 sand flies, 10 min on bellies of immunized dogs → Measure of DTH at 48h

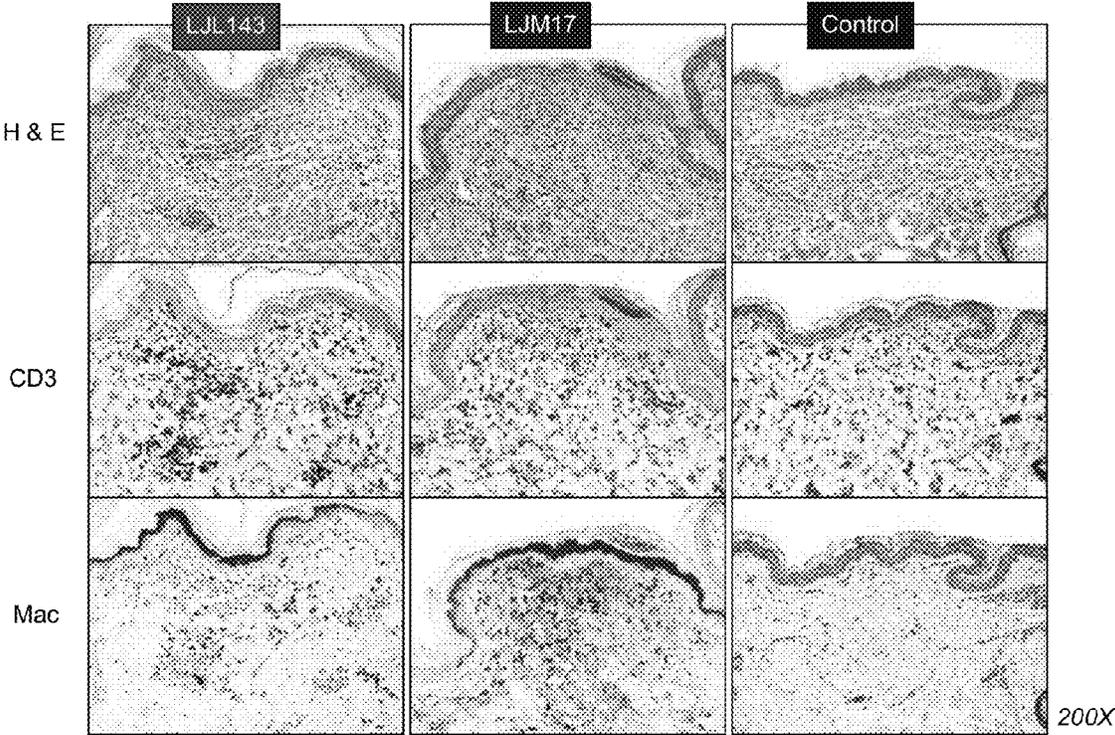


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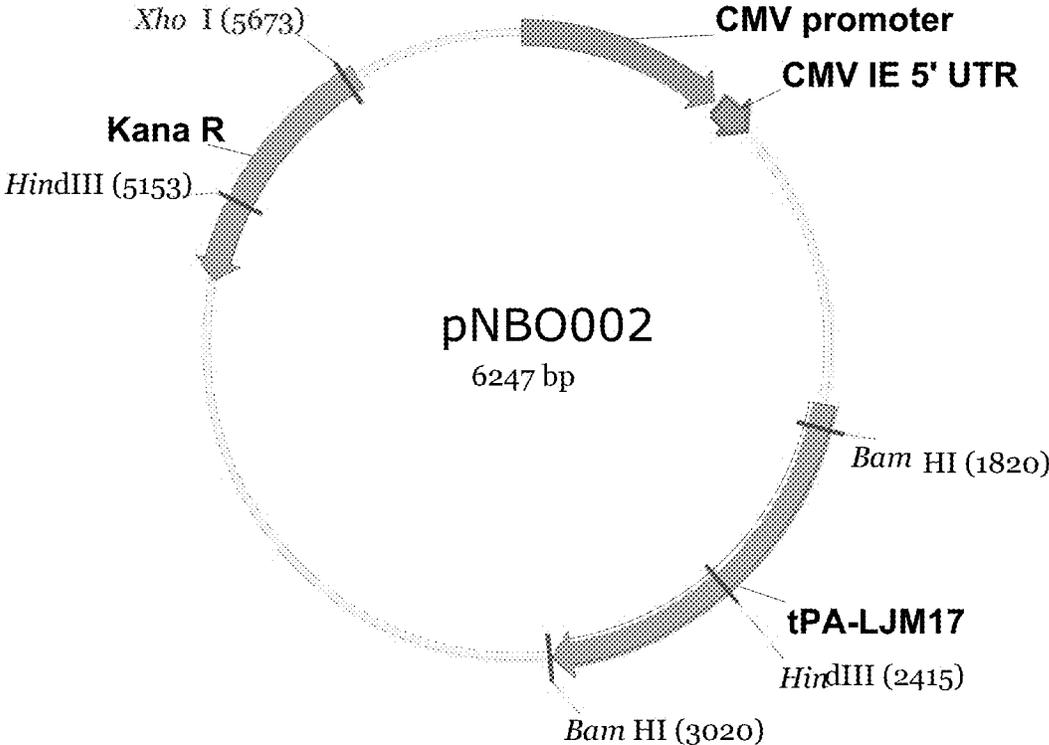


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tagattgtcgcacctgattgcccagacattatcgcgagcccatttatacccatataaatcagcatccatggtggaatt
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FIGURE 14

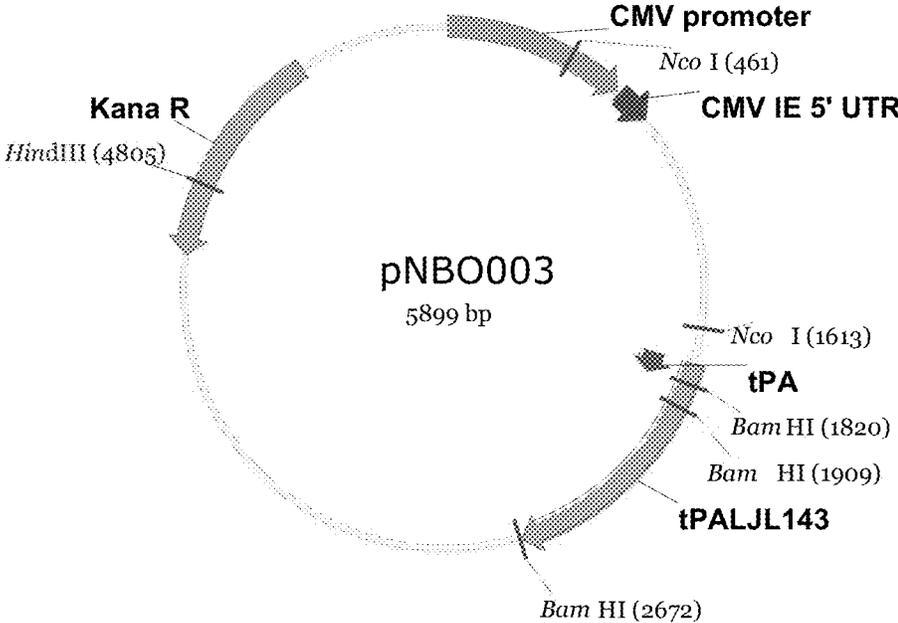


FIGURE 15A

Unprocessed protein LJJ143 (SEQ ID NO: 1)

MNSINFLSIVGLISFGFIVAVKCDGDEYFIGYKEKDETLFFASYGLKRDPCQIVLGYKCSNNQTHFVLNFKTNKKS
CISAIKLTSPKINQNSDLTKNLYCQTGGIGTDNCKLVFKRRKRQIAANIEIYGI PAKKCSFKDRYIGADPLHVDSY
GLPYQFDQEHGWNVERYNIFKDTRFSTEVFYHKNGLFNTQITYLAEEDSFSEAREITAKDIKKKFSIILPNEEYKRI
SFLDVYWFQETMRKKPKYPYIHYNGECSNENKTCELVFDTDELMTYALVKVFTNPESDGSRLKEEDLGRG

Mature protein LJJ143 (SEQ ID NO: 3)

DGDEYFIGYKEKDETLFFASYGLKRDPCQIVLGYKCSNNQTHFVLNFKTNKKS CISAIKLTSPKINQNSDLTKNL
YCQTGGIGTDNCKLVFKRRKRQIAANIEIYGI PAKKCSFKDRYIGADPLHVDSYGLPYQFDQEHGWNVERYNIFKDT
RFSTEVFYHKNGLFNTQITYLAEEDSFSEAREITAKDIKKKFSIILPNEEYKRISFLDVYWFQETMRKKPKYPYIHY
NGECSNENKTCELVFDTDELMTYALVKVFTNPESDGSRLKEEDLGRG

Unprocessed protein LJM17 (SEQ ID NO: 5)

MRFFVFLAIVLFGQIHGAYVEIGYSLRNI TFDGLD TDDYNPKFNIPTGLAVDPEGYRLFIAIPRRPKVPYTV AEL
NMVMNPGFPVERAPSF EKF KFN GEGKDLVN VYQPV I DDCRRLWVLDIGKVEY TGGDADQY PKGKPTLIAYDLK K
HTPEIHRFEI PDDLYSSQVEFGGFAVDVVNTKGDCTESFVYLTNFKDNSLIVYDETQKKAWKFTDKTFEADKESTFS
YSGEEQMKYKVG LFGIALGDRDEMGRPACI IAGSSTKVYSVNTKELKTENGQLNPQLHGDRGKYTDAIALAYDPEH
KVLVYFAESDSRQVSCWNVNME LKPDNTDVI FSSARFTFGTDILVDSKGMLWIMANGHPPVEDQEKIWKMR FVNRKIR
IMKVDTERVFKYSRCNPNYKPPKEIEV

Mature protein LJM17 (SEQ ID NO: 7)

AYVEIGYSLRNI TFDGLD TDDYNPKFNIPTGLAVDPEGYRLFIAIPRRPKVPYTV AELNMVMNPGFPVERAPSF EKF
KFN GEGKDLVN VYQPV I DDCRRLWVLDIGKVEY TGGDADQY PKGKPTLIAYDLK KHTPEIHRFEI PDDLYSSQ
VEFGGFAVDVVNTKGDCTESFVYLTNFKDNSLIVYDETQKKAWKFTDKTFEADKESTFSYSGEEQMKYKVG LFGIAL
GDRDEMGRPACI IAGSSTKVYSVNTKELKTENGQLNPQLHGDRGKYTDAIALAYDPEHKVLVYFAESDSRQVSCWNV
NME LKPDNTDVI FSSARFTFGTDILVDSKGMLWIMANGHPPVEDQEKIWKMR FVNRKIRIMKVDTERVFKYSRCNPN
YKPPKEIEV

Unprocessed protein LJJ143 (SEQ ID NO: 11)

MNSINFLSIVGLISFGFIVAVKCDGDEYFIGYKEKDETLFFASYGLKRDPCQIVLGYKCSNNQTHFVLNFKTNKKS
CISAIKLTSPKINQNSDLTRNLYCQTGGIGTDNCKLVFKRRKRQIAANIEIYGI PAKKCSFKDRYIGADPLHVDSY
GLSYQFDQEHGWNLERNNI FKDTRFSTEVFYHKNGLFNTQITYLAEEDSFSEAREITAKDIKKKFSIILPNEEYKRI
SFLDVYWFQETMRKKPKYPYIHYNGECSNENKTCELVFDTDELMTYALVKVFTNPESDGSRLKEEDLGRG

FIGURE 15B

Mature protein LJJ143 (SEQ ID NO: 13)

DGDEYFIGKYKEKDETLFFASYGLKRDPCQIVLGYKCSNNQTHFVLNFKTNKKSCISAIKLTSPKINQNSDLTRNL
YCQTGGIGTDNCKLVFKRKRQIAANIEIYGI PAKKCSFKDRYIGADPLHVDSYGLSYQFDQEHGWNLERNNIFKDT
RFSTEVFYHKNGLFNTQITYLAEEDSFSEAREITAKDIKKKFSIILPNEEYKRISFLDVYWFQETMRKKPKYPYIHY
NGECSNENKTCELVFDDELMTYALVKVFTNPESDGSRLKEEDLGRG

Unprocessed protein LJM17 (SEQ ID NO: 15)

MRFFFVFLAIVLFGQIHGAYVEIGYSLRNITFDGLDIDDYNPKNIP TGLAVDPEGYRLFIAIPRRKPKVPYTV AEL
NMVMNPGFPVERAPSF EKFKKFNGEGKDLVN VYQPVIDD CRRLWVLDIGKVEY TGGDADQY PKGKPTLIAYDLK KD
HTPEIHRFEIPDDLYSSQVEFGGF AVDVVNTKGDCTESFVYLTNFKDNSLIVYDETQKKAWKFTDKTFEADK ESTFS
YSGEEQMKYKVG LFGIALGDRDEMGRPAYYIAGSSTKVYSVNTKELKTENGQLNPQLHGDRGKYTDAIALAHDPEH
KVLYFAESDSRQVSCWNVDMELKPDNTDVIFSSARFTFGTDILVDSKGMLWIMANGHPPVEDQEKIWKMR FVNRKIS
IMKVDTERVFKYSRCNP NYKPPKEIEV

Mature protein LJM17 (SEQ ID NO: 17)

AYVEIGYSLRNITFDGLDIDDYNPKNIP TGLAVDPEGYRLFIAIPRRKPKVPYTV AELNMVMNPGFPVERAP SF EK
FKKFNGEGKDLVN VYQPVIDD CRRLWVLDIGKVEY TGGDADQY PKGKPTLIAYDLK KDHTPEIHRFEIPDDLYSSQ
VEFGGF AVDVVNTKGDCTESFVYLTNFKDNSLIVYDETQKKAWKFTDKTFEADK ESTFSYSGEEQMKYKVG LFGIAL
GDRDEMGRPAYYIAGSSTKVYSVNTKELKTENGQLNPQLHGDRGKYTDAIALAHDPEHKVLYFAESDSRQVSCWNV
DMELKPDNTDVIFSSARFTFGTDILVDSKGMLWIMANGHPPVEDQEKIWKMR FVNRKISIMKVDTERVFKYSRCNP N
YKPPKEIEV

FIGURE 16A

Polynucleotide encoding unprocessed protein LJL143 (SEQ ID NO: 2)

ATGAATTCGATTAATTTCCCTATCAATAGTTGGTTAATCAGTTTTGGATTTCATTGTTGCAGTAAAGTGTGATGGTGAT
GAATATTTTCATTGGAAAATACAAAGAAAAGATGAGACACTGTTTTTTGCAAGCTACGGCCTAAAGAGGGATCCTTGC
CAAATTGCTTAGGCTACAAATGCTCAAACAATCAAACCCACTTTGTGCTTAATTTTAAAACCAATAAGAAATCCTGC
ATATCAGCAATTAAGCTGACTTCTTACCCAAAAATCAATCAAACCTCGGATTTAACTAAAAATCTCTACTGCCAACT
GGAGGAATAGGAACAGATAACTGCAAACCTTGCTTCAAGAAACGTAAAAGACAAATAGCAGCTAATATTGAAATCTAC
GGCATTCCAGCGAAGAAATGTTCCCTCAAGGATCGTTACATTGGAGCTGATCCACTCCACGTCGATTCCCTATGGGCTT
CCGTATCAGTTTGATCAGGAACATGGATGGAATGTGGAACGATATAACATTTTCAAAGACACAAGATTTTCCACAGAA
GTTTTCTACCACAAAAATGGTTTATTTAACACCCAAATAACTTATTTGGCTGAAGAAGATTCCTTCTCTGAAGCTCGA
GAGATTACTGCCAAGGATATTAAGAAGAAGTTTTCAATTATTTTGCCCAATGAAGACTATAAGAGGATTAGTTTCTTG
GACGTTTATGGTTCCAGGAGACTATGCGAAAAAGCCTAAATATCCCTACATTCACTACAATGGAGAATGCAGCAAT
GAGAATAAACTTGTGAACTTGCTTTGACACCGATGAACATAATGACCTACGCCCTTGTTAAAGTCTTTACTAATCCT
GAGAGTGATGGATCTAGGCTCAAAGAAGAGGATTTGGGAAGAGGATAA

Polynucleotide encoding mature protein LJL143 (SEQ ID NO: 4)

GATGGTGATGAATATTTTCATTGGAAAATACAAAGAAAAGATGAGACACTGTTTTTTGCAAGCTACGGCCTAAAGAG
GGATCCTTGCCAAATGTCTTAGGCTACAAATGCTCAAACAATCAAACCCACTTTGTGCTTAATTTTAAAACCAATA
AGAAATCCTGCATATCAGCAATTAAGCTGACTTCTTACCCAAAAATCAATCAAACCTCGGATTTAACTAAAAATCTC
TACTGCCAAACTGGAGGAATAGGAACAGATAACTGCAAACCTTGCTTCAAGAAACGTAAAAGACAAATAGCAGCTAA
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ATTCCTATGGGCTTCCGTATCAGTTTGATCAGGAACATGGATGGAATGTGGAACGATATAACATTTTCAAAGACACA
AGATTTTCCACAGAAGTTTTCTACCACAAAAATGGTTTATTTAACACCCAAATAACTTATTTGGCTGAAGAAGATTC
CTTCTCTGAAGCTCGAGAGATTACTGCGAAGGATATTAAGAAGAAGTTTTCAATTATTTTGCCCAATGAAGAGTATA
AGAGGATTAGTTTCTTGACGTTTATTGGTTCCAGGAGACTATGCGAAAAAGCCTAAATATCCCTACATTCACTAC
AATGGAGAATGCAGCAATGAGAATAAACTTGTGAACTTGCTTTGACACCGATGAACATAATGACCTACGCCCTTG
TAAAGTCTTTACTAATCCTGAGAGTGATGGATCTAGGCTCAAAGAAGAGGATTTGGGAAGAGGATAA

FIGURE 16B**Polynucleotide encoding unprocessed protein LJM17 (SEQ ID NO: 6)**

ATGAGGTTCTTCTTTGTTTTCCTTGCCATCGTCCTTTTTCAAGGGATCCACGGAGCTTATGTGGAATAGGATATTC
TCTGAGAAATATTACATTCGATGGATTGGATACAGATGACTACAATCCAAAGTTCAACATTCACACGGGTTTGGCAG
TTGATCCCGAAGGATATAGGCTCTTCATAGCCATCCCAAGGAGAAAGCCAAAGGTTCCCTACACTGTGGCTGAACTG
AATATGGTCATGAATCCCGGATTTCCCGTCGAGAGAGCTCCGAGCTTTGAGAAATTCAAAAATTCATGGCGAGGG
CAAAAAGGATCTTGTTAATGTGTATCAGCCAGTCATTGATGATTGTCGTCGCTTTGGGTGCTTGACATTGGGAAGG
TGAATACACCGGTGGTGTGCTGATCAATATCCCAAAGGAAAGCCTACCCTAATTGCCTACGACCTCAAGAAGGAT
CATACTCCGGAAATTCATCGATTTGAAATTCAGACGATCTCTATAGCTCACAAGTTGAATTTGGTGGATTTGCCGT
TGATGTTGTTAACACGAAAGGAGACTGTACGGAGTCATTTGTCTACCTGACCAATTTCAAGGATAACTCTCTAATTG
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TACTCGGGAGAGGAACAAATGAAGTACAAAGTCGGTCTTTTTGGGATAGCTCTGGGTGATAGGGATGAAATGGGGCA
TCGTCTGCCTGCCTACATCGCTGGGAGTAGCACCAAAGTCTACAGTGTAACTAAAGAACTCAAAACAGAGAATG
GTCAGTTAAATCCTCAGCTTCACGGTGTGCTGAAAGTACACAGATGCAATGCCCTAGCCTACGATCCTGAGCAT
AAAGTCTCTACTTTGCTGAATCCGACAGCAGGCAGGTGTCTGTTGGAATGTAATATGGAGCTAAAACAGACAA
TACGGATGTGATCTTCTCTAGTGCCGTTTTACTTTTTGGAACGGATATTTGGTTGATAGCAAGGGAAATGCTGTGGA
TAATGGCTAATGGACATCCACCAGTAGAGGATCAAGAGAAGATTTGGAAGATGAGATTCGTAAACCGGAAGATCCGT
ATTATGAAAAGTGGATACGGAACGTGTTTTCAAATATTCACGCTGCAATCCAAATATAAGCCCCCAAAGGAAATTGA
AGTTTGA

Polynucleotide encoding mature protein LJM17 (SEQ ID NO: 8)

GCTTATGTGGAATAGGATATTCCTGAGAAATATTACATTCGATGGATTGGATACAGATGACTACAATCCAAAGTT
CAACATTCACACGGGTTTGGCAGTTGATCCCGAAGGATATAGGCTCTTCATAGCCATCCCAAGGAGAAAGCCAAAGG
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TTGGGTGCTTGACATTGGGAAGGTGGAATACACCGGTGGTGTGCTGATCAATATCCCAAAGGAAAGCCTACCCTAA
TTGCCTACGACCTCAAGAAGGATCATACTCCGGAAATTCATCGATTTGAAATTCAGACGATCTCTATAGCTCACAA
GTTGAATTTGGTGGATTTGCCGTTGATGTTGTTAACACGAAAGGAGACTGTACGGAGTCATTTGCTACCTGACCAA
TTCAAGGATAACTCTCTAATTGTCTACGATGAGACACAAAAGAAAGCTTGGAAATTCACAGATAAAACATTTGAAG
CTGATAAGGAAATCCACGTTCTCTACTCGGGAGAGGAACAAATGAAGTACAAAGTCGGTCTTTTTGGGATAGCTCTG
GGTATAGGGATGAAATGGGGCATCGTCTGCCTGCTACATCGCTGGGAGTAGCACCAAAGTCTACAGTGTAAACAC
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CCCTAGCCTACGATCCTGAGCATAAAGTCTCTACTTTGCTGAATCCGACAGCAGGCAGGTGTCTGTTGGAATGTA
AATATGGAGCTAAAACAGACAATACGGATGTGATCTTCTCTAGTGCCGTTTTACTTTTTGGAACGGATATTTGGT
TGATAGCAAGGGAAATGCTGTGGATAATGGCTAATGGACATCCACCAGTAGAGGATCAAGAGAAGATTTGGAAGATGA
GATTCGTAAACCGGAAGATCCGTATTATGAAAAGTGGATACGGAACGTGTTTTCAAATATTCACGCTGCAATCCAAAT
ATAAGCCCCCAAAGGAAATGAAGTTTGA

FIGURE 16C

Polynucleotide encoding unprocessed protein LJJ143 (SEQ ID NO: 12)

ATGAATTCGATTAATTTCTATCAATAGTTGGTTTAAFCAGTTTTGGATTTCATTGTTGCAGTAAAGTGTGATGGTGA
TGAATATTTTCATTGGAAAATACAAAGAAAAAGATGAGACACTGTTTTTTGCAAGCTACGGCCTAAAGAGGGATCCTT
GCCAGATTGTCTTAGGCTACAAATGCTCAAACAATCAAACCCACTTTGTGCTTAATTTTAAAACCAATAAGAAATCC
TGCATATCAGCAATTAAGCTGACTTCTTACCCAAAAATCAATCAAACCTCGGATTTAACTAGAAATCTCTACTGCCA
AACTGGAGGAATAGGAACAGATAACTGCAAACCTGTCTTCAAGAAACGTAAAAGACAAATAGCAGCTAATATTGAAA
TCTACGGCATTCCAGCGAAGAAATGTTCCCTCAAGGATCGTTACATTGGAGCTGATCCACTCCACGTCGATTCTTAT
GGCTTTTCGTATCAGTTTGATCAGGAACATGGATGGAATTTGGAACGAAATAACATTTTCAAAGACACAAGATTTTC
CACAGAAGTTTTCTACCACAAAAATGGTTTTATTTAACACCCAAAATAACTTATTTGGCTGAAGAAGATTCCTTCTCTG
AAGCTCGAGAGATTACTGCGAAGGATATTAAGAAGAAGTTTTCAATTATTTTGCCCAATGAAGAGTATAAGAGGATT
AGTTTCTTGACGTTTATTGGTTCAGGAGACTATGCCAAAAAGCCTAAATATCCCTACATTCACTACAATGGAGA
ATGCAGCAATGAGAATAAAACTTGTGAACCTGTCTTTGACACCGATGAACTAATGACCTACGCCCTTGTAAAGTCT
TTACTAATCCTGAGAGTGATGGATCTAGGCTCAAAGAAGAGGATTTGGGAAGAGGATAA

Polynucleotide encoding mature protein LJJ143 (SEQ ID NO: 14)

GATGGTGATGAATATTTTCATTGGAAAATACAAAGAAAAAGATGAGACACTGTTTTTTGCAAGCTACGGCCTAAAGAG
GGATCCTTGCCAGATTGTCTTAGGCTACAAATGCTCAAACAATCAAACCCACTTTGTGCTTAATTTTAAAACCAATA
AGAAATCCTGCATATCAGCAATTAAGCTGACTTCTTACCCAAAAATCAATCAAACCTCGGATTTAACTAGAAATCTC
TACTGCCAAACTGGAGGAATAGGAACAGATAACTGCAAACCTGTCTTCAAGAAACGTAAAAGACAAATAGCAGCTAA
TATTGAAATCTACGGCATTCCAGCGAAGAAATGTTCCCTCAAGGATCGTTACATTGGAGCTGATCCACTCCACGTCG
ATTCCATATGGGCTTTCGTATCAGTTTGATCAGGAACATGGATGGAATTTGGAACGAAATAACATTTTCAAAGACACA
AGATTTTCCACAGAAGTTTTCTACCACAAAAATGGTTTTATTTAACACCCAAAATAACTTATTTGGCTGAAGAAGATTC
CTTCTCTGAAGCTCGAGAGATTACTGCGAAGGATATTAAGAAGAAGTTTTCAATTATTTTGCCCAATGAAGAGTATA
AGAGGATTAGTTTCTTGACGTTTATTGGTTCAGGAGACTATGCCAAAAAGCCTAAATATCCCTACATTCACTAC
AATGGAGAATGCAGCAATGAGAATAAAACTTGTGAACCTGTCTTTGACACCGATGAACTAATGACCTACGCCCTTGT
TAAAGTCTTTACTAATCCTGAGAGTGATGGATCTAGGCTCAAAGAAGAGGATTTGGGAAGAGGATAA

FIGURE 16D**Polynucleotide encoding unprocessed protein LJM17 (SEQ ID NO: 16)**

ATGAGGTTCTTCTTTGTTTTCCCTGCCATCGTCCTTTTCAAGGGATCCACGGAGCTTATGTGGAAATAGGATATTC
TCTGAGAAATATTACATTCGATGGATTGGATACAGATGACTACAATCCAAAGTTCAACATTC AACCGGTTTGGCAG
TTGATCCCGAAGGATATAGGCTTTCATAGCCATCCCAAGGAGAAAGCCAAAGTTCCCTACACTGTGGCTGAACTG
AATATGGTCATGAATCCCGGATTTCCCGTCGAGAGAGCTCCGAGCTTTGAGAAATCAAAAAATCAATGGCGAGGG
CAAAAAGGATCTTGTAAATGTGTATCAGCCAGTCATTGATGATTGTCGTCGCTTTGGGTGCTTGACATTGGGAAGG
TGAATACACCGGTGGTGATGCTGATCAATATCCCAAAGGAAAGCCTACCCTAATTGCCTACGACCTCAAGAAGGAT
CATACTCCGGAAATTCATCGATTTGAAATTCAGACGATCTCTATAGCTCACAAGTTGAATTTGGTGGATTTGCCGT
TGATGTTGTTAACACGAAAGGAGACTGTACGGAGTCATTTGTCTACCTGACCAATTTCAAGGATAACTCTCTAATTG
TCTACGATGAGACACAAAAGAAAGCTTGGAAATTTACAGATAAAACATTTGAAAGCTGATAAGGAATCCACGTTCTCC
TACTCGGGAGAGGAACAAATGAAGTACAAAGTTGGTCTTTTTGGGATAGCTCTGGGTGATAGGGATGAAATGGGGCA
TCGTCCTGCCTACTATATCGCTGGGAGTAGCACCAAAGTCTACAGTGTAAACACTAAAGAACTCAAAACAGAGAATG
GTCAGTTAAATCCTCAGCTTCACGGTGATCGTGGAAAGTACACGGATGCAATTGCCCTAGCCCACGATCCTGAGCAT
AAAGTCTCTACTTTGCTGAATCCGACAGCAGGCAGGTGCTCTGTGGAATGTAGATATGGAGCTAAAACAGACAA
TACGGATGTGATCTTCTCTAGTGCCCGTTTTACTTTTTGGAACGGATATTTTGGTTGATAGCAAGGGAATGCTGTGGA
TAATGGCTAATGGACATCCACCAGTAGAGGATCAAGAGAAGATTTGGAAGATGAGATTCGTAACCGGAAGATCAGT
ATTATGAAAGTGGATACGGAACGTGTATTCAAATATTCACGCTGCAATCCAAATATAAGCCCCGAAAGAAATTGA
AGTTTGA

Polynucleotide encoding mature protein LJM17 (SEQ ID NO: 18)

GCTTATGTGGAAATAGGATATTCCTGAGAAATATTACATTCGATGGATTGGATACAGATGACTACAATCCAAAGTT
CAACATTC AACCGGTTTGGCAGTTGATCCCGAAGGATATAGGCTTTCATAGCCATCCCAAGGAGAAAGCCAAAGG
TTCCCTACACTGTGGCTGAACTGAATATGGTCATGAATCCCGGATTTCCCGTCGAGAGAGCTCCGAGCTTTGAGAAA
TTCAAAAAATCAATGGCGAGGGCAAAAAGGATCTTGTAAATGTGTATCAGCCAGTCATTGATGATTGTCGTCGCT
TTGGGTGCTTGACATTGGGAAGGTGGAATACACCGGTGGTGATGCTGATCAATATCCCAAAGGAAAGCCTACCCTAA
TTGCCTACGACCTCAAGAAGGATCATACTCCGGAAATTCATCGATTTGAAATTCAGACGATCTCTATAGCTCACAA
GTTGAATTTGGTGGATTTGCCGTTGATGTTGTTAACACGAAAGGAGACTGTACGGAGTCATTTGTCTACCTGACCAA
TTCAAGGATAACTCTCTAATTGCTACGATGAGACACAAAAGAAAGCTTGGAAATTTACAGATAAAACATTTGAAAG
CTGATAAGGAATCCACGTTCTCTACTCGGGAGAGGAACAAATGAAGTACAAAGTTGGTCTTTTTGGGATAGCTCTG
GGTGATAGGGATGAAATGGGGCATCGTCCTGCCTACTATATCGCTGGGAGTAGCACCAAAGTCTACAGTGTAAACAC
TAAAGAACTCAAAACAGAGAATGGTCAGTTAAATCCTCAGCTTCACGGTGATCGTGGAAAGTACACGGATGCAATTG
CCCTAGCCCACGATCTGAGCATAAAGTCTCTACTTTGCTGAATCCGACAGCAGGCAGGTGCTCTGTGGAATGTA
GATATGGAGCTAAAACAGACAATACGGATGTGATCTTCTCTAGTGCCCGTTTTACTTTTTGGAACGGATATTTGGT
TGATAGCAAGGGAATGCTGTGGATAATGGCTAATGGACATCCACCAGTAGAGGATCAAGAGAAGATTTGGAAGATGA
GATTCGTAACCGGAAGATCAGTATTATGAAAGTGGATACGGAACGTGTATTCAAATATTCACGCTGCAATCCAAAT
TATAAGCCCCGAAAGAAATTTGAAGTTTGA

FIGURE 16E

Codon optimized unprocessed LJM17 DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO :91)

atgCGGttcttcttctgTgttccTggccatcgTgctgttccagggcatccacggcgcctacgtggagatcggctacag
cctgcggaacatcaccttcgacggcctggacaccgacgactacaaccccaagttcaacatccccaccggcctggccg
tggaccccgagggctaccggctgttcacTgccatccccagggcgaagcccaaggtgcctacaccgtggccgagctg
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caagaaagacctggtgaacgtgtaccagcccgtgatcgacgactgcaggcggctgtgggtgctggacatcggcaagg
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atcatgaaggtggacaccgagcgggtgttcaagtacagccgggtgcaaccccaactacaagcccccaagaaatcga
agtgtga

FIGURE 17

Table 1. Global amino acid sequence identity percentage between mature LJL143 and LJM17

	SEQ ID NO:3 (LJL143)	SEQ ID NO:7 (LJM17)	SEQ ID NO:13 (LJL143)	SEQ ID NO:17 (LJM17)
SEQ ID NO:3	100	20	98	20
SEQ ID NO:7		100	20	99
SEQ ID NO:13			100	20
SEQ ID NO:17				100

Table 2. Global amino acid sequence identity percentage between unprocessed LJL143 and LJM17

	SEQ ID NO:1 (LJL143)	SEQ ID NO:5 (LJM17)	SEQ ID NO:11 (LJL143)	SEQ ID NO:15 (LJM17)
SEQ ID NO:1	100	19	98	19
SEQ ID NO:5		100	19	99
SEQ ID NO:11			100	19
SEQ ID NO:15				100

Table 3. Global nucleic acid sequence identity percentage between polynucleotides encoding mature LJL143 and LJM17

SEQ ID NO:	4 (LJL143)	8 (LJM17)	14 (LJL143)	18 (LJM17)	22 (LJL143)	91 (LJM17)
4	100	36	99	47	74	43
8		100	47	99	44	76
14			100	47	78	43
18				100	44	75
22					100	51
91						100

Table 4. Global nucleic acid sequence identity percentage between polynucleotides encoding unprocessed LJL143 and LJM17

SEQ ID NO:	2 (LJL143)	6 (LJM17)	12 (LJL143)	16 (LJM17)	89 (LJL143)	90 (LJM17)	91 (codon optimized LJM17)	22 (codon optimized LJL143)
2	100	46	99	46	100	47	43	73
6		100	47	99	45	100	76	46
12			100	46	99	48	43	73
16				100	45	99	76	45
89					100	47	43	73
90						100	76	46
21							100	48
22								100

The percent sequence identity between two nucleic acid or polypeptide sequences is determined using Vector NTI 11.0 (PC) software package (Invitrogen, 1600 Faraday Ave., Carlsbad, CA). A gap opening penalty of 15 and a gap extension penalty of 6.66 are used for determining the percent identity of two nucleic acids. A gap opening penalty of 10 and a gap extension penalty of 0.1 are used for determining the percent identity of two polypeptides. The percent identity was calculated based on the shorter sequence.

FIGURE 18A

SEQ ID NO	type	name	Corresponding SEQ ID NO in 61/101,345	Corresponding SEQ ID NO in 61/051,635
1	PRT	Unprocessed LJL143 protein	1	15
2	DNA	Unprocessed LJL143 DNA	2	
3	PRT	Mature LJL143 protein	3	
4	DNA	Mature LJL143 DNA	4	
5	PRT	Unprocessed LJM17 protein	5	23
6	DNA	Unprocessed LJM17 DNA	6	
7	PRT	Mature LJM17 protein	7	
8	DNA	Mature LJM17 DNA	8	
9	DNA	Plasmid pVR2001 LJM17	9	
10	DNA	Plasmid pVR2001 LJL143	10	
11	PRT	Unprocessed LJL143 protein	11	
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13	PRT	Mature LJL143 protein	13	
14	DNA	Mature LJL143 DNA	14	
15	PRT	Unprocessed LJM17 protein	15	
16	DNA	Unprocessed LJM17 DNA	16	
17	PRT	Mature LJM17 protein	17	
18	DNA	Mature LJM17 DNA	18	
19	DNA	Plasmid pNBO002	19	
20	DNA	Plasmid pNBO003	20	
21	DNA	Codon-optimized unprocessed LJM17 DNA (reverse complementary strand)	21	
22	DNA	Codon-optimized unprocessed LJL143 DNA	22	
23	PRT	LJL34 protein		1
24	DNA	LJL34 DNA		2
25	PRT	LJL18 protein		3
26	DNA	LJL18 DNA		4
27	PRT	LJS193 protein		5
28	DNA	LJS193 DNA		6
29	PRT	LJS201 protein		7
30	DNA	LJS201 DNA		8
31	PRT	LJL13 protein		9
32	DNA	LJL13 DNA		10
33	PRT	LJL23 protein		11
34	DNA	LJL23 DNA		12
35	PRT	LJM10 protein		13
36	DNA	LJM10 DNA		14
37	PRT	LJS142 protein		17
38	DNA	LJS142 DNA		18
39	PRT	LJL17 protein		19
40	DNA	LJL17 DNA		20
41	PRT	LJM06 protein		21
42	DNA	LJM06 DNA		22
43	PRT	LJL04 protein		25
44	DNA	LJL04 DNA		26
45	PRT	LJM114 protein		27
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47	PRT	LJM111 protein		29
48	DNA	LJM111 DNA		30
49	PRT	LJM78 protein		31

Figure 18B				
50	DNA	LJM78 DNA		32
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52	DNA	LJS238 DNA		34
53	PRT	LJS169 protein		35
54	DNA	LJS169 DNA		36
55	PRT	LJL11 protein		37
56	DNA	LJL11 DNA		38
57	PRT	LJL08 protein		39
58	DNA	LJL08 DNA		40
59	PRT	LJS105 protein		41
60	DNA	LJS105 DNA		42
61	PRT	LJL09 protein		43
62	DNA	LJL09 DNA		44
63	PRT	LJL38 protein		45
64	DNA	LJL38 DNA		46
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66	DNA	LJM04 DNA		48
67	PRT	LJM26 protein		49
68	DNA	LJM26 DNA		50
69	PRT	LJS03 protein		51
70	DNA	LJS03 DNA		52
71	PRT	LJS192 protein		53
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73	PRT	LJM19 protein		55
74	DNA	LJM19 DNA		56
75	PRT	LJL138 protein		57
76	DNA	LJL138 DNA		58
77	PRT	LJL15 protein		59
78	DNA	LJL15 DNA		60
79	PRT	LJL91 protein		61
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83	PRT	LJS138 protein		65
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85	PRT	LJL124 protein		67
86	DNA	LJL124 DNA		68
87	PRT	LJL35 protein		69
88	DNA	LJL35 DNA		70
89	DNA	LJL143 DNA		16
90	DNA	LJM17 DNA		24
91	DNA	Codon-optimized unprocessed LJM17 DNA		
92	DNA	vCP2390		
93	DNA	vCP2390 (containing LJM17 in coding direction)		
94	DNA	vCP2389		

Figure 19

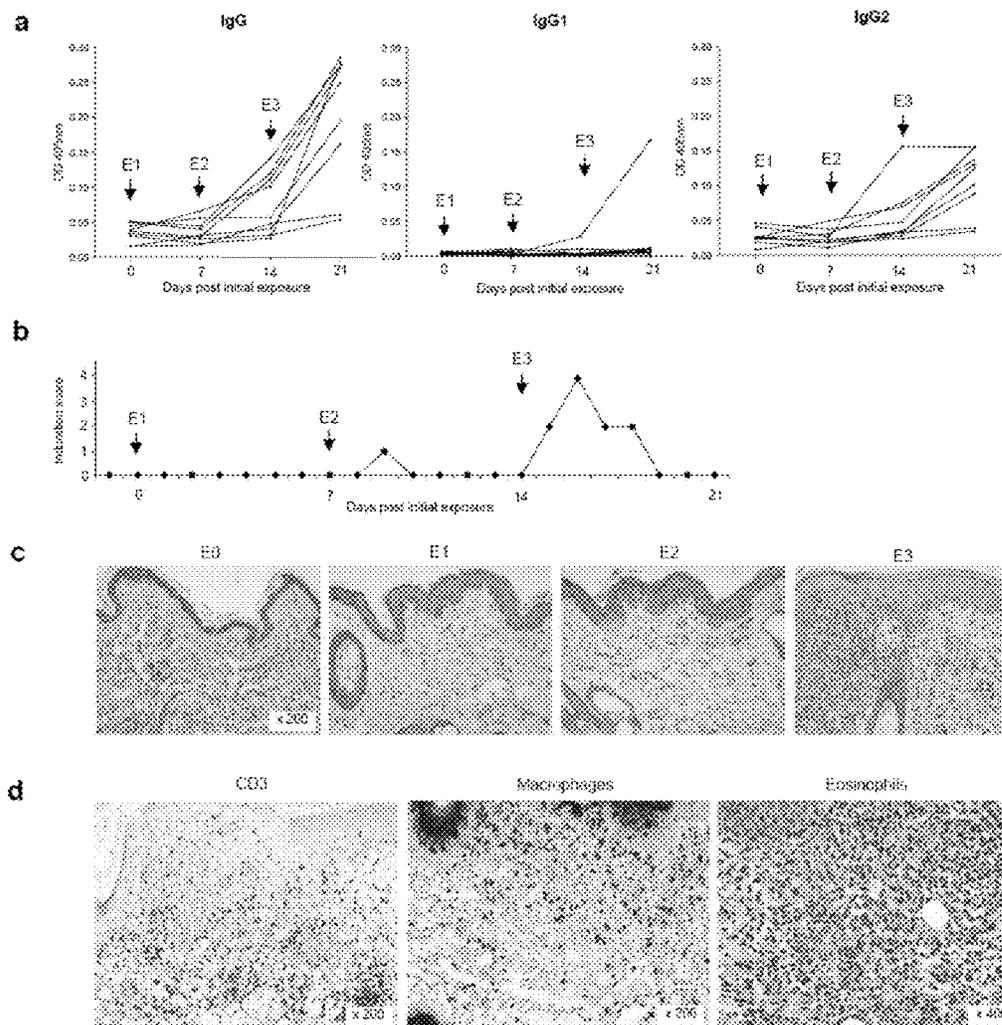


Figure 1. Anti-saliva immunity in dogs exposed to the bites *Lutzomyia longipalpis* sand fly. **a:** Early kinetics of anti-*Lu. longipalpis* IgG, IgG2 and IgG1 antibody titers in exposed dogs. **b:** Delayed-type hypersensitivity reaction on a representative dog throughout exposure experiments (50 sand flies). **c:** H/E histological analysis performed on skin punch biopsies before exposure (E0), 48 h after 1st (E1), 48 h after 2nd exposure (E2) and 48 h after 3rd exposure (E3) to sand fly bites. **d:** Characterization of the inflammatory population at 48h after 3rd exposure (E3) to sand fly bites with immunohistochemistry for CD3+ T lymphocytes and macrophages, and Luna's stain for eosinophils.

FIGURE 20

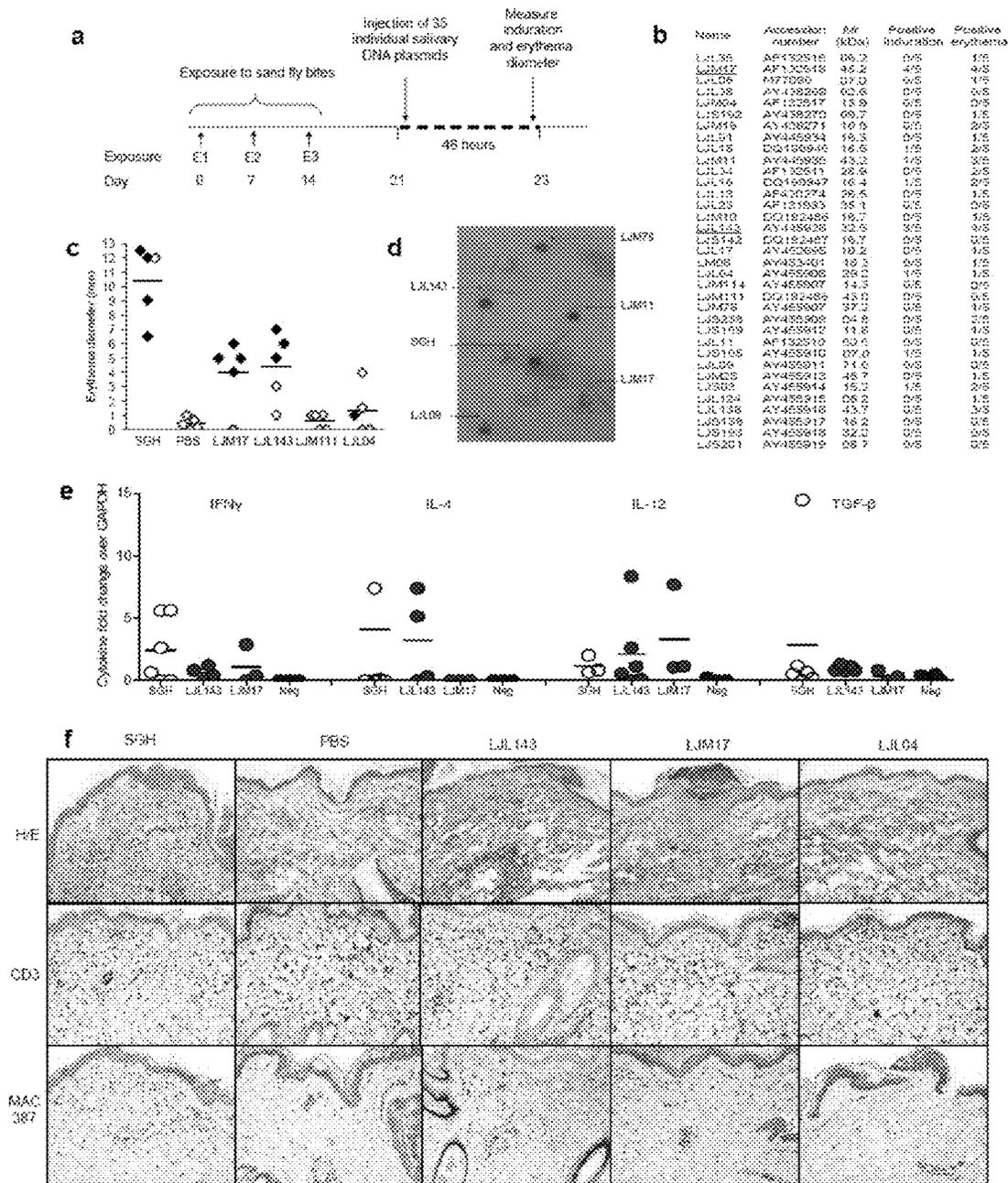


Figure 21B

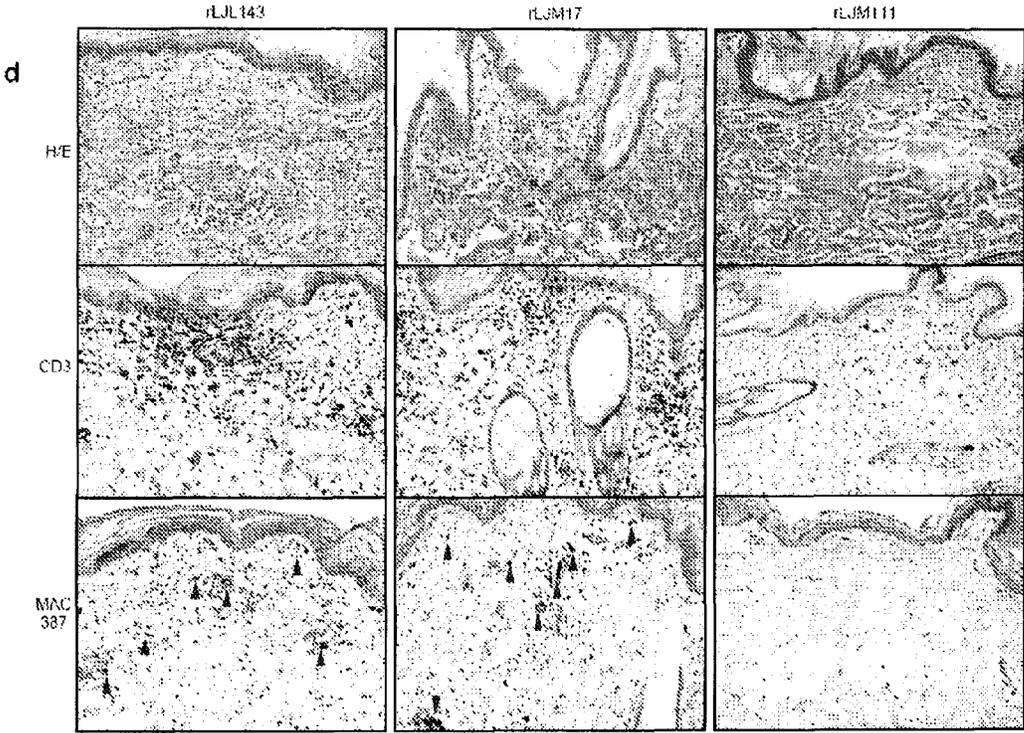


FIGURE 22

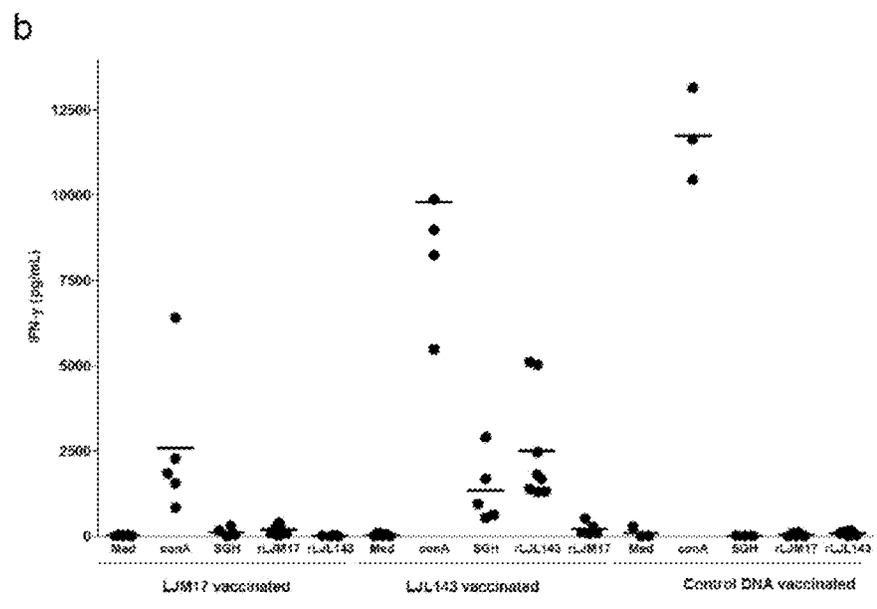
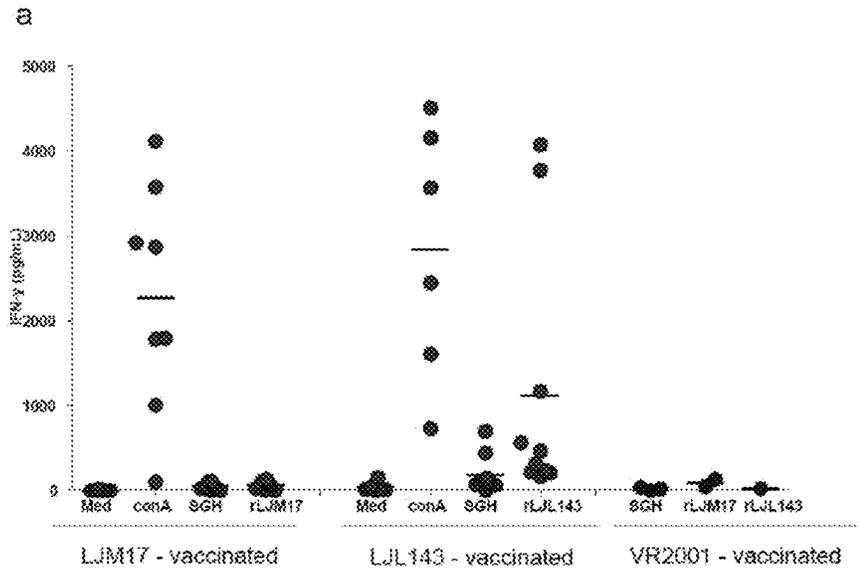
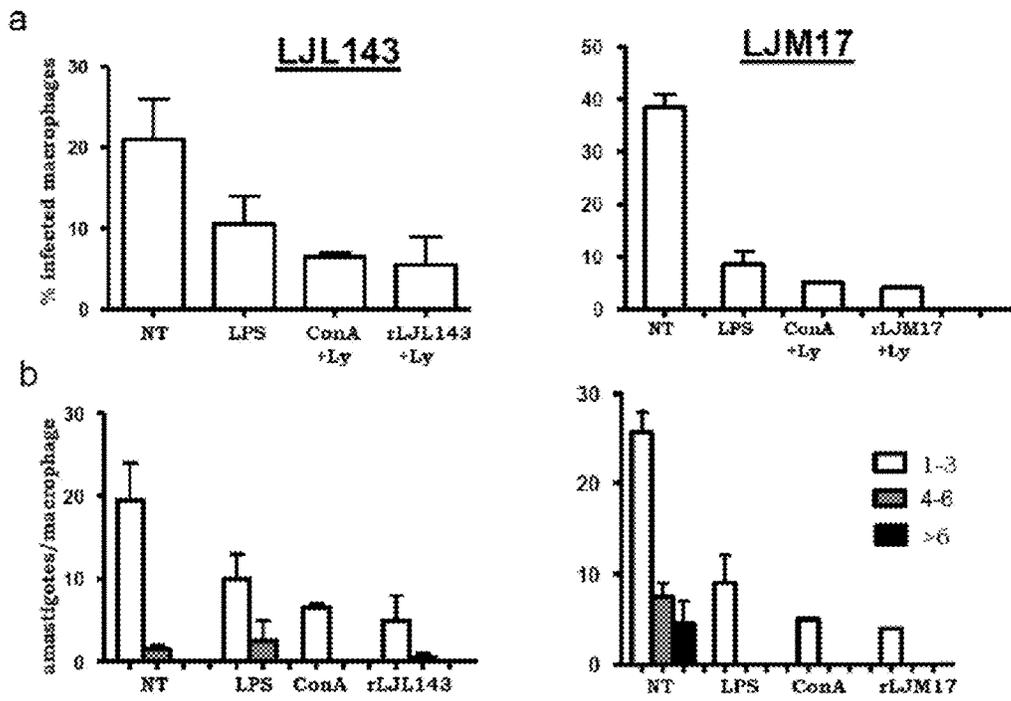


FIGURE 23



LEISHMANIA VACCINE USING SAND FLY SALIVARY IMMUNOGEN

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 12/436,398 filed on May 6, 2009, which claims benefit of U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 61/051,635 filed May 8, 2008, and of U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 61/101,345 filed Sep. 30, 2008, which make reference to International Application No. PCT/US2003/034453 entitled *Lutzomyia longipalpis* Polypeptides and Methods of Use filed Oct. 29, 2003, which claims priority to provisional application No. 60/422,303 filed Oct. 29, 2002.

All documents cited or referenced herein ("herein cited documents"), and all documents cited or referenced in herein cited documents, together with any manufacturer's instructions, descriptions, product specifications, and product sheets for any products mentioned herein or in any document incorporated by reference herein, are hereby incorporated herein by reference, and may be employed in the practice of the invention.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to formulations for combating *Leishmania* infections in animals or humans. Specifically, the present invention provides vectors that contain and express *in vivo* or *in vitro* sand fly *Lu. longipalpis* salivary antigens that elicit an immune response in animal or human against *Leishmania*, including compositions comprising said vectors, methods of vaccination against *Leishmania*, and kits for use with such methods and compositions.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Leishmaniasis is a major and severe parasitic disease that affects humans, canines (dogs, wolves, foxes, coyotes, jackals), and to a lesser degree, felines (lions, tigers, domestic cats, wild cats, other big cats, and other felines including cheetahs and lynx).

Leishmania and *Viannia* subgenera are grouped into complexes of species and subspecies based upon molecular, biochemical and immunological similarities. There are several forms of the disease named by their clinical presentation including cutaneous, mucocutaneous or visceral leishmaniasis. Each of these forms of disease is caused by different species of sand flies found in different regions of the world. Cutaneous leishmaniasis of humans is associated with members of *L. aethiopica*, *L. major*, and *L. tropica* complexes in the Old World and *L. mexicana* and *L. braziliensis* complexes in the New World. Visceral leishmaniasis is caused by *L. donovani* and *L. infantum* in Old World regions while *L. chagasi* is primarily responsible for visceral disease in the New World. Because *L. infantum* is the primary agent associated with canine leishmaniasis, infections in dogs often are regarded as visceral even though they tend to cause both visceral and cutaneous disease.

The agent of visceral leishmaniasis is a protozoan parasite and belongs to the *leishmania donovani* complex. This parasite is widely distributed in temperate and subtropical countries of Southern Europe, Africa, Asia, South America and Central America (Desjeux P. et al.). *Leishmania donovani infantum* (*L. infantum*) is responsible for the feline and canine disease in Southern Europe, Africa, and Asia. In South America and Central America, the agent is *Leishmania donovani chagasi* (*L. chagasi*), which is closely related to *L. infan-*

tum. In humans, the agent is *Leishmania donovani donovani* (*L. donovani*), which is also related to *L. infantum* and *L. chagasi*.

Sand flies of the genus *Phlebotomus* (Old World) and *Lutzomyia* (New World) are the primary vectors responsible for disease transmission. Currently these are the only known vectors capable of spread; fleas, ticks and other arthropods have not been shown to be competent vectors. However, rare cases of leishmaniasis have been contracted through exchange of blood or body fluids, direct contact and at least one case of congenital transmission. The importance of native sand flies is yet undetermined but could be related to infectious dose of the organism. Still, in recent years, and in the absence of known vectors, there has been an overwhelming incidence of leishmaniasis in Foxhound kennels across the United States. It is still not known how transmission of disease occurred or how this disease is maintained in these dogs because infected sand flies have not been reported in the United States. However, certain species of *Lutzomyia* (*L. shannoni*), found along the eastern United States and as far north as New Jersey, are considered a potentially competent vector for *L. mexicana*. *Phlebotomus ariasi* (*P. ariasi*) and *Phlebotomus perniciosus* (*P. perniciosus*), *Phlebotomus neglectus* (*P. neglectus*) are the most common carriers in Southern Europe, Africa, and Asia, whereas *Lutzomyia longipalpis* (*Lu. longipalpis*) is the most common carrier in Southern and Central America.

Leishmaniasis is a slowly progressive disease that can take up to 7 years to become clinically apparent (McConkey S E et al.; Slappendel R J et al.). Even then, signs are frequently nonspecific and a diagnosis of *Leishmania* is seldom considered. Dogs are most commonly infected with *L. infantum* (*L. donovani* complex) which is responsible for viscerotropic disease in people. However, up to 90% of infected dogs present with both visceral and cutaneous lesions (Slappendel R J et al.). On the other hand, many dogs appear naturally resistant to this parasite and may remain asymptomatic despite known infection (Grosjean N L et al.). It is estimated that only 10% of dogs residing in endemic areas actually develop clinical disease (Lindsay D S et al.). This lower incidence of clinical disease is attributed to a genetic predisposition of certain dogs to mount a more protective cell-mediated immune response than a humoral response (Lindsay D S et al., McConkey S E et al., Slappendel R J, et al.). Furthermore, it has been reported that up to 20% of infected dogs may mount an adequate immune response and spontaneously recover from clinical illness (McConkey S E et al.). In animals that mount a humoral response, IgG1 appears to correlate with clinical disease while asymptomatic dogs have higher IgG2 antibody levels (Lindsay et al.).

Some of the more frequently reported clinical signs of leishmaniasis include listlessness, fatigue and exercise intolerance coupled with anorexia and weight loss that eventually culminate as wasting disease (McConkey S E et al.). These signs may or may not be accompanied by fever, local or generalized lymphadenopathy (90%) and/or hepatosplenomegaly (Grosjean N L et al., Lindsay D S et al., McConkey S E et al., Martínez-Subiela S et al.). Articular involvement is also fairly common and may present as lameness with swollen joints or simply as a stiff gait. Less common findings include ocular lesions (<5%), chronic diarrhea (30%) and long, deformed brittle nails (20%) referred to as onychogryphosis (Lindsay D S et al., Slappendel R J et al.). Cutaneous lesions are present in up to 89% of infected dogs, with or without overt signs of visceral involvement. Lesions of cutaneous leishmaniasis may occur anywhere on the body but the most common sites are those which are exposed to the environment and are therefore more susceptible to bites from the sand flies.

The initial papule rapidly gives rise to an ulcer. Visceral leishmaniasis is invariably fatal if not treated promptly. Visceral leishmaniasis affects the internal body organs, specifically the spleen and the liver.

Dogs are considered the major reservoir of Leishmaniasis. The disease is characterized by chronic evolution of viscerocutaneous signs occurring in less than 50% of infected animals (Lanotte G. et al.). Both asymptomatic and symptomatic dogs with detectable antibodies may be infectious (Molina R. et al.; Courtenay O. et al.). Cats may also be carriers of the protozoan parasites and are thus considered secondary potential reservoirs.

Due to a number of factors, treatment options for leishmaniasis in dogs and response to therapy are limited at best. For some undefined reason, visceral leishmaniasis is more difficult to treat in dogs than in humans. No treatment option is 100% effective in clearing parasitic infection and clinical disease often reappears with cessation of therapy (Lindsay D S et al.). In endemic areas, the most common treatment regimen has been a combination of allopurinol with a pentavalent antimonial such as meglumine antimonite or sodium stibogluconate (Lindsay D S et al., Slappendel R J et al.). However, in recent years this protocol has fallen out of favor due to increasing resistance of the parasite to the drug as well as adverse side effects associated with these compounds (Lindsay D S et al.). To further limit treatment options, Pentostam® (sodium stibogluconate) is the only available antimonial in the United States and its distribution is regulated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Ga. (Lindsay D S et al.).

Other protocols have been tried but have proven no more efficacious at clearing parasitic infection or at preventing clinical relapse. In addition, each protocol is associated with potential adverse effects. Amphotericin B binds sterols and disrupts cell membrane permeability but is nephrotoxic (Lindsay D S et al.). When given parenterally, Paramomycin acts synergistically with antimonials causing higher levels of the antimonial for longer periods of time but is also nephrotoxic and is not currently recommended for clinical use (Lindsay D S et al.). Pentamidine isethionate is effective against leishmaniasis but requires at least 15 intramuscular injections and is quite painful (Lindsay D S et al.). Ketoconazole, miconazole, fluconazole and itraconazole are oral drugs that may be useful in containing the disease but are cost prohibitive and carry the risk of drug resistance when treating patients symptomatically. In summary, the various treatment regimens for leishmaniasis in dogs have been investigated but are not 100% efficacious; relapses are the rule rather than the exception. Ultimately, the veterinary practitioner is faced with the dilemma of treating symptomatic outbreaks of leishmaniasis in dogs at the risk of developing drug resistant strains of this parasite within the United States.

Mass detection of seropositive dogs followed by culling and/or drug treatment, or the mass application of deltamethrin-impregnated collars, was shown to have an impact in reducing human and canine Leishmaniasis prevalence in endemic areas of Southern Europe, Africa, and Asia (Maroli M. et al. Mazloumi Gavgani A. S. et al.), although the efficacy of eliminating seropositive canines has been debated (Dietze R. et al.; Moreira Jr. E. D. et al.). These control measures are either considered unacceptable, expensive or not effective (Gradoni L. et al.). Mathematical models used to compare the effectiveness of various tools for controlling Leishmaniasis suggest that a canine vaccine may be the most practical and effective method (Dye C.). Therefore, the development of vaccines able to protect canines from Leishmaniasis and/or to

prevent disease progression in infected animals is highly desirable for the implementation of Leishmaniasis control programs as well for the veterinary community (Gradoni L. et al.).

Previous investigations have sought to identify methods of diagnosing and treating *Leishmania* through, for example, administration of antigenic polypeptides (see, for example, WO 2004/039958 which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety). However, to date, no vaccine is available for the treatment of *Leishmania*. The vectors and vaccine formulations of the present invention fulfill this long-felt need in the art.

Citation or identification of any document in this application is not an admission that such document is available as prior art to the present invention.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An object of this invention can be any one or all of providing recombinant vectors or viruses as well as methods for making such viruses, and providing compositions and/or vaccines as well as methods for treatment and prophylaxis of infection by *Leishmania*.

The invention provides a recombinant vector, such as a recombinant virus, e.g., a recombinant poxvirus, that contains and expresses at least one exogenous nucleic acid molecule and, the at least one exogenous nucleic acid molecule may comprise a nucleic acid molecule encoding an immunogen or epitope of interest from salivary proteins from sand fly vectors of *Lu. longipalpis*.

In particular, the present invention provides a recombinant vector, such as a recombinant virus, e.g., a recombinant poxvirus, that contains and expresses at least one exogenous nucleic acid molecule and, the at least one exogenous nucleic acid molecule may comprise salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof.

These vaccines may prevent diffusion and/or replication of the parasite in a host.

The invention further provides immunological (or immunogenic), or vaccine compositions comprising such an expression vector or the expression product(s) of such an expression vector.

The invention further provides methods for inducing an immunological (or immunogenic) or protective response against *Leishmania*, as well as methods for preventing or treating *Leishmania* or disease state(s) caused by *Leishmania*, comprising administering the expression vector or an expression product of the expression vector, or a composition comprising the expression vector, or a composition comprising an expression product of the expression vector.

The invention also relates to expression products from the virus as well as antibodies generated from the expression products or the expression thereof in vivo and uses for such products and antibodies, e.g., in diagnostic applications.

These and other embodiments are disclosed or are obvious from and encompassed by, the following Detailed Description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

The following detailed description, given by way of example, and which is not intended to limit the invention to specific embodiments described, may be understood in conjunction with the accompanying figures, incorporated herein by reference, in which:

FIG. 1 shows the nucleic acid sequence of one strand of the plasmid pVR2001 LJM17 (SEQ ID NO:9), wherein the two

BamHI restriction sites are in bold, the sequence encoding the tPA signal peptide is underlined and the sequence encoding the LJM17 is in bold capital letters.

FIG. 2 shows the nucleic acid sequence of one strand of the plasmid pVR2001 LJL143 (SEQ ID NO:10), wherein the two BamHI restriction sites are in bold, the sequence encoding the tPA signal peptide is underlined and the sequence encoding the LJL143 is in bold capital letters.

FIG. 3 shows a map of the donor vector, pALVAC C3H6p-LJM17, having 5737 base pairs.

FIG. 4 illustrates the vCP2390 canarypox expression vector, for both forward and reverse complementary strands (SEQ ID NO:93 and SEQ ID NO:92). SEQ ID NO:93 represents the vCP2390 vector strand which contains the codon-optimized LJM17 polynucleotide in the direction that encodes the LJM17 polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:5).

FIG. 5 shows a map of the donor vector, pALVAC C3H6p-LJL143, having 5400 base pairs.

FIG. 6 illustrates the vCP2389 canarypox expression vector with its insert encoding LJL143, and provides the nucleotide sequence of one strand of the expression vector (SEQ ID NO:94).

FIG. 7 illustrates anti-IgG antibodies to both LJM17 and LJL143, absorbance measured at 405 nm, in vaccinated and control dogs, from one day before V1 administration to two weeks after V5 administration.

FIG. 8 illustrates interferon-gamma secretion (pg/mL) from dogs PBMC corresponding to the 5 groups, 2 weeks after the 5th immunization (V5 administration). PBMC were stimulated by SGH (2 pairs), LJL143 (4 µg), LJM17 (4 µg), ConA (4 µg) or non-stimulated by medium (med).

FIG. 9 shows a scheme of an in vitro killing assay including results, expressed in percentage of infected macrophages (NT: no treatment, LPS: lipopolysaccharide, conA: concavaline A).

FIG. 10 shows biopsies of vaccinated and control dogs, at the sand flies bite sites, stained with hematoxylin/eosin (H & E), Luna's, Toluidine blue and immunohistochemical procedures for CD3 and macrophage/monocyte markers (Mac).

FIG. 11 shows the nucleic acid sequence of one strand of the plasmid pNBO002 (SEQ ID NO:19), wherein the two BamHI restriction sites are in bold, the sequence encoding the tPA signal peptide is underlined and the sequence encoding the LJM17 is in bold capital letters.

FIG. 12 shows a map of the pNBO002 plasmid vector with its insert encoding LJM17, having 6247 base pairs.

FIG. 13 shows the nucleic acid sequence of one strand of the plasmid pNBO003 (SEQ ID NO:20), wherein the two BamHI restriction sites are in bold, the sequence encoding the tPA signal peptide is underlined and the sequence encoding the LJL143 is in bold capital letters.

FIG. 14 shows a map of the pNBO003 plasmid vector with its insert encoding LJL143, having 5899 base pairs.

FIG. 15 shows the protein sequences of LJL143 and LJM17 from *L. longipalpis*.

FIG. 16 shows the DNA sequences of LJL143 and LJM17 from *L. longipalpis*.

FIG. 17 shows the sequence identity tables.

FIG. 18 shows the SEQ ID NO assigned to each DNA and polypeptide.

FIG. 19 is a set of graphs and images demonstrating anti-saliva immunity in dogs exposed to the bites of the *Lu. longipalpis* sand fly. FIG. 19A is a set of graphs demonstrating the early kinetics of anti-*Lu. longipalpis* IgG, IgG2, and IgG1 antibody titers in exposed dogs. FIG. 19B is a graph of a delayed-type hypersensitivity reaction on a representative dog throughout exposure experiments. FIG. 19C is a set of

images of an H/E histological analysis performed on skin punch biopsies before exposure (E0), 47 h after first exposure (E1), 48 h after second exposure (E2) and 48 h after third exposure (E3) to sand fly bites. FIG. 19D is a set of images characterizing the inflammatory population at 48 h after third exposure (E3) to sand fly bites with immunohistochemistry for CD3+ T lymphocytes and macrophages and Luna's stain for eosinophils.

FIG. 20 is a set of graphs and images demonstrating a cDNA reverse antigen screening assay in dogs.

FIG. 21 is a set of graphs and images demonstrating a protein reverse antigen screening assay in dogs.

FIG. 22 is a set of two graphs demonstrating interferon γ production of peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) from vaccinated dogs after stimulation with recombinant salivary protein.

FIG. 23 is a set of four bar graphs demonstrating an in vitro killing assay for *Leishmania chagasi* by PBMCs from immunized dogs (NT, no treatment; Ly, lymphocytes).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

It is noted that in this disclosure and particularly in the claims, terms such as "comprises", "comprised", "comprising" and the like can have the meaning attributed to it in U.S. Patent law; e.g., they can mean "includes", "included", "including", and the like; and that terms such as "consisting essentially of" and "consists essentially of" have the meaning ascribed to them in U.S. Patent law, e.g., they allow for elements not explicitly recited, but exclude elements that are found in the prior art or that affect a basic or novel characteristic of the invention.

Unless otherwise noted, technical terms are used according to conventional usage. Definitions of common terms in molecular biology may be found in Benjamin Lewin, *Genes*, V. published by Oxford University Press, 1994 (ISBN 0-19-854287-9); Kendrew et al. (eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Molecular Biology*, published by Blackwell Science Ltd., 1994 (ISBN 0-632-02182-9); and Robert A. Meyers (ed.), *Molecular Biology and Biotechnology: a Comprehensive Desk Reference*, published by VCH Publishers, Inc., 1995 (ISBN 1-56081-569-8). The singular terms "a," "an," and "the" include plural referents unless context clearly indicates otherwise. Similarly, the word "or" is intended to include "and" unless the context clearly indicate otherwise. The word "or" means any one member of a particular list and also includes any combination of members of that list.

It is noted in this disclosure and the appended claims and/or paragraphs, the term "salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide", "*Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide", or "salivary polypeptide" is used interchangeably, the term "salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polynucleotide", "*Lu. longipalpis* polynucleotide", or "salivary polynucleotide" is used interchangeably.

The terms "polypeptide" and "protein" are used interchangeably herein to refer to a polymer of consecutive amino acid residues.

The term "nucleic acid", "nucleotide", and "polynucleotide" refers to RNA or DNA and derivatives thereof, such as those containing modified backbones. It should be appreciated that the invention provides polynucleotides comprising sequences complementary to those described herein. Polynucleotides according to the invention can be prepared in different ways (e.g. by chemical synthesis, by gene cloning etc.) and can take various forms (e.g. linear or branched, single or double stranded, or a hybrid thereof, primers, probes etc.).

The term "gene" is used broadly to refer to any segment of polynucleotide associated with a biological function. Thus, genes or polynucleotides include introns and exons as in genomic sequence, or just the coding sequences as in cDNAs, such as an open reading frame (ORF), starting from the start codon (methionine codon) and ending with a termination signal (stop codon). Genes and polynucleotides can also include regions that regulate their expression, such as transcription initiation, translation and transcription termination. Thus, also included are promoters and ribosome binding regions (in general these regulatory elements lie approximately between 60 and 250 nucleotides upstream of the start codon of the coding sequence or gene; Doree S M et al.; Pandher K et al.; Chung JY et al.), transcription terminators (in general the terminator is located within approximately 50 nucleotides downstream of the stop codon of the coding sequence or gene; Ward C K et al.). Gene or polynucleotide also refers to a nucleic acid fragment that expresses mRNA or functional RNA, or encodes a specific protein, and which includes regulatory sequences.

The term "immunogenic polypeptide" or "immunogenic fragment" as used herein refers to a polypeptide or a fragment of a polypeptide which comprises an allele-specific motif, an epitope or other sequence such that the polypeptide or the fragment will bind an MHC molecule and induce a cytotoxic T lymphocyte ("CTL") response, and/or a B cell response (for example, antibody production), and/or T-helper lymphocyte response, and/or a delayed type hypersensitivity (DTH) response against the antigen from which the immunogenic polypeptide or the immunogenic fragment is derived. A DTH response is an immune reaction in which T cell-dependent macrophage activation and inflammation cause tissue injury. A DTH reaction to the subcutaneous injection of antigen is often used as an assay for cell-mediated immunity.

By definition, an epitope is an antigenic determinant that is immunologically active in the sense that once administered to the host, it is able to evoke an immune response of the humoral (B cells) and/or cellular type (T cells). These are particular chemical groups or peptide sequences on a molecule that are antigenic. An antibody specifically binds a particular antigenic epitope on a polypeptide. Specific, non-limiting examples of an epitope include a tetra- to pentapeptide sequence in a polypeptide, a tri- to penta-glycoside sequence in a polysaccharide. In the animal most antigens will present several or even many antigenic determinants simultaneously. Such a polypeptide may also be qualified as an immunogenic polypeptide and the epitope may be identified as described further.

An "isolated" biological component (such as a nucleic acid or protein or organelle) refers to a component that has been substantially separated or purified away from other biological components in the cell of the organism in which the component naturally occurs, for instance, other chromosomal and extra-chromosomal DNA and RNA, proteins, and organelles. Nucleic acids and proteins that have been "isolated" include nucleic acids and proteins purified by standard purification methods. The term also embraces nucleic acids and proteins prepared by recombinant technology as well as chemical synthesis.

The term "purified" as used herein does not require absolute purity; rather, it is intended as a relative term. Thus, for example, a purified polypeptide preparation is one in which the polypeptide is more enriched than the polypeptide is in its natural environment. A polypeptide preparation is substantially purified such that the polypeptide represents several embodiments at least 60%, at least 70%, at least 80%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 98%, of the total polypeptide

content of the preparation. The same applies to polynucleotides. The polypeptides disclosed herein can be purified by any of the means known in the art.

A recombinant polynucleotide is one that has a sequence that is not naturally occurring or has a sequence that is made by an artificial combination of two otherwise separated segments of sequence. This artificial combination is often accomplished by chemical synthesis or, more commonly, by the artificial manipulation of isolated segments of nucleic acids, for example, by genetic engineering techniques. In one embodiment, a recombinant polynucleotide encodes a fusion protein.

In one aspect, the present invention provides polypeptides from sand fly species *Lu. longipalpis*. In another aspect, the present invention provides a polypeptide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87, and variant or fragment thereof.

Moreover, homologs of polypeptides from sand fly species *Lu. longipalpis* are intended to be within the scope of the present invention. As used herein, the term "homologs" includes orthologs, analogs and paralogs. The term "analog" refers to two polynucleotides or polypeptides that have the same or similar function, but that have evolved separately in unrelated organisms. The term "orthologs" refers to two polynucleotides or polypeptides from different species, but that have evolved from a common ancestral gene by speciation. Normally, orthologs encode polypeptides having the same or similar functions. The term "paralogs" refers to two polynucleotides or polypeptides that are related by duplication within a genome. Paralogs usually have different functions, but these functions may be related. Analog, ortholog, and paralog of a wild-type salivary polypeptide can differ from the wild-type salivary polypeptide by post-translational modifications, by amino acid sequence differences, or by both. In particular, homologs of the invention will generally exhibit at least 80-85%, 85-90%, 90-95%, or 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% sequence identity, with all or part of the wild-type salivary polypeptide or polynucleotide sequences, and will exhibit a similar function.

In another aspect, the present invention provides a polypeptide having at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% sequence identity to a polypeptide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87.

In yet another aspect, the present invention provides fragments and variants of the *L. longipalpis* polypeptides identified above (SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87) which may readily be prepared by one of skill in the art using well-known molecular biology techniques.

Variants are homologous polypeptides having an amino acid sequence at least 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identity to the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87.

Variants include allelic variants. The term "allelic variant" refers to a polynucleotide or a polypeptide containing polymorphisms that lead to changes in the amino acid sequences of a protein and that exist within a natural population (e.g., a virus species or variety). Such natural allelic variations can typically result in 1-5% variance in a polynucleotide or a

polypeptide. Allelic variants can be identified by sequencing the nucleic acid sequence of interest in a number of different species, which can be readily carried out by using hybridization probes to identify the same gene genetic locus in those species. Any and all such nucleic acid variations and resulting amino acid polymorphisms or variations that are the result of natural allelic variation and that do not alter the functional activity of gene if interest, are intended to be within the scope of the invention.

A variant is any secreted polypeptide from *Lu. longipalpis* saliva, capable of inducing in animals, such as dogs, vaccinated with this polypeptide a specific cell-based immune response characterized by secretion of interferon gamma (IFN-gamma) upon stimulation by *Lu. longipalpis* salivary gland extract compounds. Such IFN-gamma secretion may be demonstrated using in vitro methodology (i.e. Quantikine® immunoassay from R&D Systems Inc. (catalog number# CAIF00); Djoba Siawaya J F et al.).

As used herein, the term “derivative” or “variant” refers to a polypeptide, or a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide, that has one or more conservative amino acid variations or other minor modifications such that (1) the corresponding polypeptide has substantially equivalent function when compared to the wild type polypeptide or (2) an antibody raised against the polypeptide is immunoreactive with the wild-type polypeptide. These variants or derivatives include polypeptides having minor modifications of the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide primary amino acid sequences that may result in peptides which have substantially equivalent activity as compared to the unmodified counterpart polypeptide. Such modifications may be deliberate, as by site-directed mutagenesis, or may be spontaneous. The term “variant” further contemplates deletions, additions and substitutions to the sequence, so long as the polypeptide functions to produce an immunological response as defined herein.

The term “conservative variation” denotes the replacement of an amino acid residue by another biologically similar residue, or the replacement of a nucleotide in a nucleic acid sequence such that the encoded amino acid residue does not change or is another biologically similar residue. In this regard, particularly preferred substitutions will generally be conservative in nature, i.e., those substitutions that take place within a family of amino acids. For example, amino acids are generally divided into four families: (1) acidic—aspartate and glutamate; (2) basic—lysine, arginine, histidine; (3) non-polar—alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, proline, phenylalanine, methionine, tryptophan; and (4) uncharged polar—glycine, asparagine, glutamine, cystine, serine, threonine, tyrosine. Phenylalanine, tryptophan, and tyrosine are sometimes classified as aromatic amino acids. Examples of conservative variations include the substitution of one hydrophobic residue such as isoleucine, valine, leucine or methionine for another hydrophobic residue, or the substitution of one polar residue for another polar residue, such as the substitution of arginine for lysine, glutamic acid for aspartic acid, or glutamine for asparagine, and the like; or a similar conservative replacement of an amino acid with a structurally related amino acid that will not have a major effect on the biological activity. Proteins having substantially the same amino acid sequence as the reference molecule but possessing minor amino acid substitutions that do not substantially affect the immunogenicity of the protein are, therefore, within the definition of the reference polypeptide. All of the polypeptides produced by these modifications are included herein. The term “conservative variation” also includes the use of a substituted amino acid in place of an unsubstituted parent amino

acid provided that antibodies raised to the substituted polypeptide also immunoreact with the unsubstituted polypeptide.

An immunogenic fragment of a *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide includes at least 8, 10, 15, or consecutive amino acids, at least 21 amino acids, at least 23 amino acids, at least 25 amino acids, or at least 30 amino acids of a *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87, or variants thereof. In another embodiment, a fragment of a *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide includes a specific antigenic epitope found on a full-length *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide.

Procedures to determine fragments of polypeptide and epitope such as, generating overlapping peptide libraries (Hemmer B. et al.), Pepsan (Geysen H. M. et al., 1984; Geysen H. M. et al., 1985; Van der Zee R. et al.; Geysen H. M.) and algorithms (De Groot A. et al.; Hoop T. et al.; Parker K. et al.), can be used in the practice of the invention, without undue experimentation. Generally, antibodies specifically bind a particular antigenic epitope. Specific, non-limiting examples of epitopes include a tetra- to penta-peptide sequence in a polypeptide, a tri- to penta glycoside sequence in a polysaccharide. In animals most antigens will present several or even many antigenic determinants simultaneously. Preferably wherein the epitope is a protein fragment of a larger molecule it will have substantially the same immunological activity as the total protein.

In another aspect, the present invention provides a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide from *Lu. longipalpis* sand fly, such as a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87. In yet another aspect, the present invention provides a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% sequence identity to a polypeptide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, or a conservative variant, an allelic variant, a homolog or an immunogenic fragment comprising at least eight or at least ten consecutive amino acids of one of these polypeptides, or a combination of these polypeptides.

In another aspect, the present invention provides a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 89, 90, or 91, or a variant thereof. In yet another aspect, the present invention provides a polynucleotide having at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% sequence identity to one of a polynucleotide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 89, 90, or 91, or a variant thereof.

These polynucleotides may include DNA, cDNA, and RNA sequences that encode a *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide. It is understood that all polynucleotides encoding a *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide are also included herein, as long as they encode a polypeptide with the recognized activity, such as the binding to an antibody that recognizes the polypeptide, the induction of an immune response to the polypeptide, or an effect on survival of *Leishmania* when administered to a

subject exposed to the parasite or who undergoes a decrease in a sign or a symptom of *Leishmania* infection.

The polynucleotides of the disclosure include sequences that are degenerate as a result of the genetic code, e.g., optimized codon usage for a specific host. As used herein, “opti- 5 mized” refers to a polynucleotide that is genetically engineered to increase its expression in a given species. To provide optimized polynucleotides coding for salivary polypeptides, the DNA sequence of the salivary protein gene can be modified to 1) comprise codons preferred by highly expressed genes in a particular species; 2) comprise an A+T or G+C content in nucleotide base composition to that substantially found in said species; 3) form an initiation sequence of said species; or 4) eliminate sequences that cause destabilization, inappropriate polyadenylation, degradation and termination of RNA, or that form secondary structure hairpins or RNA splice sites. Increased expression of salivary protein in said species can be achieved by utilizing the distribution frequency of codon usage in eukaryotes and prokaryotes, or in a particular species. The term “frequency of preferred 20 codon usage” refers to the preference exhibited by a specific host cell in usage of nucleotide codons to specify a given amino acid. There are 20 natural amino acids, most of which are specified by more than one codon. Therefore, all degenerate nucleotide sequences are included in the disclosure as long as the amino acid sequence of the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polypeptide encoded by the nucleotide sequence is functionally unchanged.

The sequence identity between two amino acid sequences may be established by the NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information) pairwise blast and the blosum62 matrix, using the standard parameters (see, e.g., the BLAST or BLASTX algorithm available on the “National Center for Biotechnology Information” (NCBI, Bethesda, Md., USA) server, as well as in Altschul et al.; and thus, this document 35 speaks of using the algorithm or the BLAST or BLASTX and BLOSUM62 matrix by the term “blasts”).

Sequence identity between two nucleotide sequences also may be determined using the “Align” program of Myers and Miller, (“Optimal Alignments in Linear Space”, CABIOS 4, 11-17, 1988) and available at NCBI, as well as the same or other programs available via the Internet at sites thereon such as the NCBI site.

Alternatively or additionally, the term “identity”, for instance, with respect to a nucleotide or amino acid sequence, may indicate a quantitative measure of homology between two sequences. The percent sequence homology may be calculated as: $(N_{ref} - N_{dif}) * 100 / N_{ref}$, wherein N_{dif} is the total number of non-identical residues in the two sequences when aligned and wherein N_{ref} is the number of residues in one of the sequences. Hence, the DNA sequence AGTCAGTC will have a sequence identity of 75% with the sequence AAT-CAATC ($N_{ref}=8$; $N_{dif}=2$).

Alternatively or additionally, “identity” with respect to sequences can refer to the number of positions with identical 55 nucleotides or amino acids divided by the number of nucleotides or amino acids in the shorter of the two sequences wherein alignment of the two sequences can be determined in accordance with the Wilbur and Lipman algorithm (Wilbur and Lipman), for instance, using a window size of 20 nucleotides, a word length of 4 nucleotides, and a gap penalty of 4, and computer-assisted analysis and interpretation of the sequence data including alignment can be conveniently performed using commercially available programs (e.g., Intelligenetics™ Suite, Intelligenetics Inc. CA). When RNA 65 sequences are said to be similar, or have a degree of sequence identity or homology with DNA sequences, thymidine (T) in

the DNA sequence is considered equal to uracil (U) in the RNA sequence. Thus, RNA sequences are within the scope of the invention and can be derived from DNA sequences, by thymidine (T) in the DNA sequence being considered equal to uracil (U) in RNA sequences.

The sequence identity or sequence similarity of two amino acid sequences, or the sequence identity between two nucleotide sequences can be determined using Vector NTI software package (Invitrogen, 1600 Faraday Ave., Carlsbad, Calif.).

Advantageously, sequence identity or homology such as amino acid sequence identity or homology can be determined using the BlastP program (Altschul et al.) and available at NCBI, as well as the same or other programs available via the Internet at sites thereon such as the NCBI site.

The following documents provide algorithms for comparing the relative identity or homology of sequences, and additionally or alternatively with respect to the foregoing, the teachings in these references can be used for determining percent homology or identity: Needleman S B and Wunsch C D; Smith T F and Waterman M S; Smith T F, Waterman M S and Sadler J R; Feng D F and Dolittle R F; Higgins D G and Sharp P M; Thompson J D, Higgins D G and Gibson T J; and, Devereux J, Haeberlie P and Smithies O. And, without undue experimentation, the skilled artisan can consult with many 25 other programs or references for determining percent homology.

The *Lu. longipalpis* polynucleotides may include a recombinant DNA which is incorporated into a vector, into an autonomously replicating plasmid or virus, or into the genomic DNA of a prokaryote or eukaryote, or which exists as a separate molecule (for example, a cDNA) independent of other sequences.

Recombinant vectors disclosed herein may include a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide, a variant thereof or a fragment thereof. Recombinant vectors may include plasmids and viral vectors and may be used for in vitro or in vivo expression. Recombinant vectors may include further a signal peptide. Signal peptides are short peptide chain (3-60 amino acids long) that direct the post-translational transport of a protein (which are synthesized in the cytosol) to certain organelles such as the nucleus, mitochondrial matrix, endoplasmic reticulum, chloroplast, apoplast and peroxisome. Typically, the naturally occurring salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides, such as LJM17 and LJM143 proteins, may be translated as precursors, having an N-terminal signal peptide sequence and a “mature” protein domain. The signal peptide may be cleaved off rapidly upon translation. The signal sequence may be the natural sequence from the salivary protein or a peptide signal from a secreted protein e.g. the signal peptide from the tissue plasminogen activator protein (tPA), in particular the human tPA (S. Friezner Degen et al.; R. Rickles et al.; D. Berg. et al.), or the signal peptide from the Insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF1), in particular the equine IGF1 (K. Otte et al.), the canine IGF1 (P. Delafontaine et al.), the feline IGF1 (WO03/022886), the bovine IGF1 (S. Lien et al.), the porcine IGF1 (M. Muller et al.), the chicken IGF1 (Y. Kajimoto et al.), the turkey IGF1 (GenBank accession number AF074980). The signal peptide from IGF1 may be natural or optimized which may be achieved by removing cryptic splice sites and/or by adapting the codon usage. Upon translation, the unprocessed polypeptide may be cleaved at a cleavage site to lead to the mature polypeptide. The cleavage site may be predicted using the method of Von Heijne (1986).

A plasmid may include a DNA transcription unit, for instance a nucleic acid sequence that permits it to replicate in a host cell, such as an origin of replication (prokaryotic or eukaryotic). A plasmid may also include one or more select-

able marker genes and other genetic elements known in the art. Circular and linear forms of plasmids are encompassed in the present disclosure.

In a further aspect, the present invention relates to an in vivo expression vector comprising a polynucleotide sequence, which contains and expresses in vivo in a host the salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof.

The in vivo expression vector may include any transcription unit containing a polynucleotide or a gene of interest and those essential elements for its in vivo expression. These expression vectors may be plasmids or recombinant viral vectors. For in vivo expression, the promoter may be of viral or cellular origin. In one embodiment, the promoter may be the cytomegalovirus (CMV) early promoter (CMV-IE promoter), the SV40 virus early or late promoter or the Rous Sarcoma virus LTR promoter, a promoter of a cytoskeleton gene, such as the desmin promoter (Kwissa M. et al.), or the actin promoter (Miyazaki J. et al.). When several genes are present in the same plasmid, they may be provided in the same transcription unit or in different units.

As used herein, the term "plasmid" may include any DNA transcription unit comprising a polynucleotide according to the invention and the elements necessary for its in vivo expression in a cell or cells of the desired host or target; and, in this regard, it is noted that a supercoiled or non-supercoiled, circular plasmid, as well as a linear form, are intended to be within the scope of the invention. The plasmids may also comprise other transcription-regulating elements such as, for example, stabilizing sequences of the intron type. In several embodiments, the plasmids may include the first intron of CMV-IE (WO 89/01036), the intron II of the rabbit beta-globin gene (van Ooyen et al.), the signal sequence of the protein encoded by the tissue plasminogen activator (tPA; Montgomery et al.), and/or a polyadenylation signal (polyA), in particular the polyA of the bovine growth hormone (bGH) gene (U.S. Pat. No. 5,122,458) or the polyA of the rabbit beta-globin gene or of SV40 virus.

In a further aspect, the present invention relates to a vaccine composition comprising: a) an in vivo expression vector, wherein the vector comprises a polynucleotide encoding one or more polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, a variant or fragment of the salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, and a mixture thereof; and b) a pharmaceutically or veterinary acceptable vehicle, diluent or excipient.

In another aspect, the present invention relates to a vaccine composition comprising: a) a first in vivo expression vector, wherein the vector comprises a polynucleotide encoding one or more polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, a variant or fragment of the salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, and a mixture thereof; b) a second in vivo expression vector, wherein the vector comprises a polynucleotide encoding one or more polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, a variant or fragment of the salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, and a mixture thereof; and c) a pharmaceutically or veterinary acceptable vehicle, diluent or excipient.

The term "vaccine composition" or "vaccine" comprises any composition, once it has been injected to a host, including canines, felines and humans, that protects the host from cutaneous leishmaniasis and/or visceral leishmaniasis, and/or which may prevent implantation of the parasite, and/or which may prevent disease progression in infected subjects, and/or which may limit the diffusion of runaway parasites to internal organs, and/or which may avoid or limit parasite uptake by a

sand fly during a blood meal on a vaccinated dog. This may be accomplished upon vaccination according to the present invention through the induction of cytokine secretion, notably IFN-gamma secretion (as example of a method of measurement of IFN-gamma secretion, the Quantikine® immunoassay from R&D Systems Inc. (catalog number# CAIF00) could be used (Djoba Siawaya J F et al.)).

The pharmaceutically acceptable vehicles or excipients of use are conventional. *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences*, by E. W. Martin, Mack Publishing Co., Easton, Pa., 15th Edition (1975), describes compositions and formulations suitable for pharmaceutical delivery of the polypeptides, plasmids, viral vectors herein disclosed. In general, the nature of the vehicle or excipient will depend on the particular mode of administration being employed. For instance, parenteral formulations usually comprise injectable fluids that include pharmaceutically and physiologically acceptable fluids such as water, physiological saline, balanced salt solutions, aqueous dextrose, glycerol or the like as a vehicle. For solid compositions (for example, freeze-dried pastille, powder, pill, tablet, or capsule forms), conventional non-toxic solid vehicles or excipients can include, for example, pharmaceutical grades of mannitol, lactose, starch, or magnesium stearate. In addition to biologically neutral vehicles or excipients, immunogenic compositions to be administered can contain minor amounts of non-toxic auxiliary substances, such as wetting or emulsifying agents, preservatives, and pH buffering agents and the like, for example sodium acetate or sorbitan monolaurate.

The vaccines according to the instant invention may include vectors encoding any polynucleotide according to the present invention as described above.

Multiple insertions may be done in the same vector using different insertion sites or using the same insertion site. When the same insertion site is used, each polynucleotide insert, which may be any polynucleotide of the present invention aforementioned, may be inserted under the control of the same and/or different promoters. The insertion can be done tail-to-tail, head-to-head, tail-to-head, or head-to-tail. IRES elements (Internal Ribosome Entry Site, see EP 0803573) can also be used to separate and to express multiple inserts operably linked to the same and/or different promoters.

In one embodiment, the present invention relates to an expression vector comprising a polynucleotide aforementioned. The expression vector may be an in vivo expression vector, or an in vitro expression vector.

More generally, the present invention encompasses in vivo expression vectors including any plasmid (EP-A2-1001025; Chaudhuri P.) containing and expressing in vivo in a host the polynucleotide or gene of *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polypeptide, variant thereof or fragment thereof and elements necessary for its in vivo expression.

In a specific, non-limiting example, the pVR1020 or pVR1012 plasmid (VICAL Inc.; Luke C. et al.; Hartikka J. et al.), pVR2001-TOPA (or pVR2001-TOPO) (Oliveira F. et al.) or pAB110 (U.S. Pat. No. 6,852,705) can be utilized as a vector for the insertion of a polynucleotide sequence. The pVR1020 plasmid is derived from pVR1012 and contains the human tPA signal sequence. The pVR1020 is a plasmid backbone available from Vical, Inc., (San Diego, Calif.) which has been previously used, see, e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,451,769 and 7,078,507. As described in Oliveira et al., plasmid pVR2001-TOPO (or pVR2001-TOPA) is pVR1020 modified by the addition of topoisomerases flanking the cloning site and containing coding for and expressing a signal secretory peptide, for example, tissue plasminogen activator signal peptide

(tPA), that increases the likelihood of producing a secreted protein, (see FIG. 1 in Oliveira F. et al.).

Each plasmid may comprise or contain or consist essentially of, the polynucleotide according to the present invention, operably linked to a promoter or under the control of a promoter or dependent upon a promoter, wherein the promoter may be advantageously adjacent to the polynucleotide for which expression is desired. In general, it is advantageous to employ a strong promoter that is functional in eukaryotic cells. One example of a useful promoter may be the immediate early cytomegalovirus promoter (CMV-IE) of human or murine origin, or it may optionally have another origin such as from rat or guinea pig. The CMV-IE promoter may comprise the actual promoter part, which may or may not be associated with the enhancer part. Reference can be made to EP 260 148, EP 323 597, U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,168,062, 5,385,839, and 4,968,615, as well as to WO 87/03905. The CMV-IE promoter may advantageously be a human CMV-IE (Boshart M. et al.) or murine CMV-IE. In more general terms, the promoter may have either a viral or a cellular origin. A strong viral promoter other than CMV-IE that may be usefully employed in the practice of the invention is the early/late promoter of the SV40 virus or the LTR promoter of the Rous sarcoma virus. A strong cellular promoter that may be usefully employed in the practice of the invention is the promoter of a gene of the cytoskeleton, such as the desmin promoter (Kwissa M. et al.), or the actin promoter (Miyazaki J. et al.). Functional sub fragments of these promoters, i.e., portions of these promoters that maintain adequate promoter activity, are included within the present invention, e.g. truncated CMV-IE promoters according to WO 98/00166 or U.S. Pat. No. 6,156,567 and may be used in the practice of the invention. A promoter useful in the practice of the invention consequently may include derivatives and/or sub fragments of a full-length promoter that maintain adequate promoter activity and hence function as a promoter, and which may advantageously have promoter activity that is substantially similar to that of the actual or full-length promoter from which the derivative or sub fragment is derived, e.g., akin to the activity of the truncated CMV-IE promoters of U.S. Pat. No. 6,156,567 in comparison to the activity of full-length CMV-IE promoters. Thus, a CMV-IE promoter in the practice of the invention may comprise or consist essentially of or consist of the promoter portion of the full-length promoter and/or the enhancer portion of the full-length promoter, as well as derivatives and/or sub fragments thereof.

Advantageously, the plasmids comprise or consist essentially of other expression control elements. It is especially advantageous to incorporate stabilizing sequence(s), e.g., intron sequence(s), for example, the first intron of the hCMV-IE (WO 89/01036), the intron II of the rabbit β -globin gene (van Ooyen et al.). As to the polyadenylation signal (polyA) for the plasmids and viral vectors other than poxviruses, use can be made of the poly(A) signal of the bovine growth hormone (bGH) gene (see U.S. Pat. No. 5,122,458), or the poly(A) signal of the rabbit β -globin gene or the poly(A) signal of the SV40 virus.

In one embodiment of the present invention, the plasmid vector is pVR2001 comprising LJM17 polynucleotide, as described in example 1 herein.

In another embodiment of the present invention, the plasmid vector is pVR2001 comprising LJL143 polynucleotide, as described in example 2 herein.

In another embodiment of the present invention, the plasmid vector is pNBO002, as described in example 9 herein.

In yet another embodiment of the present invention, the plasmid vector is pNBO003, as described in example 10 herein.

More generally, the present invention encompasses in vivo expression vectors including any recombinant viral vector containing a polynucleotide or gene encoding one or more salivary *Lu. longipalpis* immunogens and/or variants or fragments thereof, including any elements necessary for its in vivo expression.

Said recombinant viral vectors could be selected from, for example, the poxviruses, especially avipox viruses, such as fowlpox viruses or canarypox viruses. In one embodiment, the fowlpox virus is a TROVAC (see WO 96/40241). In another embodiment, the canarypox vector is an ALVAC. The use of these recombinant viral vectors and the insertion of polynucleotides or genes of interest are fully described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,174,993; U.S. Pat. No. 5,505,941 and U.S. Pat. No. 5,766,599 for fowlpox, and in U.S. Pat. No. 5,756,103 for canarypox. More than one insertion site inside the viral genome could be used for the insertion of multiple genes of interest.

In one embodiment the viral vector is an adenovirus, such as a human adenovirus (HAV) or a canine adenovirus (CAV).

In another embodiment the viral vector is a human adenovirus, specifically a serotype 5 adenovirus, rendered incompetent for replication by a deletion in the E1 region of the viral genome, especially from about nucleotide 459 to about nucleotide 3510 by reference to the sequence of the hAd5 disclosed in Genbank under the accession number M73260 and in the referenced publication Chroboczek et al, 1992. The deleted adenovirus is propagated in E1-expressing 293 (Graham et al., 1977) or PER cells, especially PER.C6 (Falloux et al., 1998). The human adenovirus can additionally or alternatively be deleted in the E3 region, especially from about nucleotide 28592 to about nucleotide 30470. The deletion in the E1 region can be done in combination with a deletion in the E3 region (see, e.g. Shriver et al.; Graham et al.; Ilan et al.; U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,133,028 and 6,692,956; Tripathy et al.; Tapnell; Danthinne et al.; Berkner; Berkner et al.; Chavier et al.). The insertion sites can be the E1 and/or E3 loci (region) eventually after a partial or complete deletion of the E1 and/or E3 regions. Advantageously, when the expression vector is an adenovirus, the polynucleotide to be expressed is inserted under the control of a promoter functional in eukaryotic cells, such as a strong promoter, advantageously a cytomegalovirus immediate-early gene promoter (CMV-IE promoter), especially the enhancer/promoter region from about nucleotide -734 to about nucleotide +7 in Boshart et al., or the enhancer/promoter region from the pCI vector from Promega Corp. The CMV-IE promoter is advantageously of murine or human origin. The promoter of the elongation factor 1 α can also be used. A muscle specific promoter can also be used (Li et al.). Strong promoters are also discussed herein in relation to plasmid vectors. In one embodiment, a splicing sequence can be located downstream of the enhancer/promoter region. For example, the intron 1 isolated from the CMV-IE gene (Stenberg et al.), the intron isolated from the rabbit or human β -globin gene, especially the intron 2 from the β -globin gene, the intron isolated from the immunoglobulin gene, a splicing sequence from the SV40 early gene or the chimeric intron sequence isolated from the pCI vector from Promega Corp. A poly(A) sequence and terminator sequence can be inserted downstream the polynucleotide to be expressed, e.g. a bovine growth hormone gene, especially from about nucleotide 2339 to about nucleotide 2550 in Genbank under the accession number BOVGHRH, a rabbit β -globin gene or a SV40 late gene polyadenylation signal.

In another embodiment the viral vector is a canine adenovirus, especially a CAV-2 (see, e.g. Fischer et al.; U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,529,780 and 5,688,920; WO 95/14102). For CAV, the insertion sites can be in the E3 region and/or in the region located between the E4 region and the right ITR region (see U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,090,393 and 6,156,567). In one embodiment the insert is under the control of a promoter, such as a cytomegalovirus immediate-early gene promoter (CMV-IE promoter) or a promoter already described for a human adenovirus vector. A poly(A) sequence and terminator sequence can be inserted downstream the polynucleotide to be expressed, e.g. a bovine growth hormone gene or a rabbit β -globin gene polyadenylation signal.

In another embodiment, the viral vector is a herpesvirus such as a canine herpesvirus (CHV) or a feline herpesvirus (FHV). For CHV, the insertion sites may be in the thymidine kinase gene, in the ORF3, or in the UL43 ORF (see U.S. Pat. No. 6,159,477). In one embodiment the polynucleotide to be expressed is inserted under the control of a promoter functional in eukaryotic cells, advantageously a CMV-IE promoter (murine or human). A poly(A) sequence and terminator sequence can be inserted downstream the polynucleotide to be expressed, e.g. bovine growth hormone or a rabbit β -globin gene polyadenylation signal.

For recombinant vectors based on a poxvirus vector, a vaccinia virus or an attenuated vaccinia virus, (for instance, MVA, a modified Ankara strain obtained after more than 570 passages of the Ankara vaccine strain on chicken embryo fibroblasts; see Stickl & Hochstein-Mintzel; Sutter et al.; available as ATCC VR-1508; or NYVAC, see U.S. Pat. No. 5,494,807, and U.S. Pat. No. 5,494,807 which discuss the construction of NYVAC, as well as variations of NYVAC with additional ORFs deleted from the Copenhagen strain vaccinia virus genome, as well as the insertion of heterologous coding nucleic acid molecules into sites of this recombinant, and also, the use of matched promoters; see also WO 96/40241), an avipox virus or an attenuated avipox virus (e.g., canarypox, fowlpox, dovepox, pigeonpox, quailpox, ALVAC or TROVAC; see, e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,505,941, 5,494,807) can be used. Attenuated canarypox viruses are described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,756,103 (ALVAC) and WO 01/05934. Reference is also made to U.S. Pat. No. 5,766,599 which pertains to the attenuated fowlpox strain TROVAC. Reference is made to the canarypox available from the ATCC under access number VR-111. Numerous fowlpox virus vaccination strains are also available, e.g. the DIFTOSEC CT strain marketed by MERIAL and the NOBILIS VARIOLE vaccine marketed by INTERVET. For information on the method used to generate recombinants thereof and how to administer recombinants thereof, the skilled artisan can refer documents cited herein and to WO 90/12882, e.g., as to vaccinia virus, mention is made of U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,769,330, 4,722,848, 4,603,112, 5,110,587, 5,494,807, and 5,762,938 inter alia; as to fowlpox, mention is made of U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,174,993, 5,505,941 and 5,766,599 inter alia; as to canarypox, mention is made of U.S. Pat. No. 5,756,103 inter alia. When the expression vector is a vaccinia virus, insertion site or sites for the polynucleotide or polynucleotides to be expressed are advantageously at the thymidine kinase (TK) gene or insertion site, the hemagglutinin (HA) gene or insertion site, the region encoding the inclusion body of the A type (ATI); see also documents cited herein, especially those pertaining to vaccinia virus. In the case of canarypox, advantageously the insertion site or sites are ORF(s) C3, C5 and/or C6; see also documents cited herein, especially those pertaining to canarypox virus. In the case of fowlpox, advantageously the insertion site or sites are ORFs F7 and/or F8; see also documents cited herein, espe-

cially those pertaining to fowlpox virus. The insertion site or sites for MVA virus are advantageously as in various publications, including Carroll M. W. et al.; Stittelaar K. J. et al.; Sutter G. et al.; and, in this regard it is also noted that the complete MVA genome is described in Antoine G., *Virology*, which enables the skilled artisan to use other insertion sites or other promoters. Advantageously, the polynucleotide to be expressed is inserted under the control of a specific poxvirus promoter, e.g., the vaccinia promoter 7.5 kDa (Cochran et al.), the vaccinia promoter 13L (Riviere et al.), the vaccinia promoter HA (Shida), the cowpox promoter ATI (Funahashi et al.), the vaccinia promoter H6 (Taylor J. et al.; Guo P. et al. J.; Perkus M. et al.), inter alia.

In a further embodiment, the recombinant viral vector is the recombinant ALVAC canarypox virus vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6, expressing the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJM17 polypeptide, as described in example 3.

In a further embodiment, the recombinant viral vector is the recombinant ALVAC canarypox virus vCP2390, expressing the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJM17 polypeptide, as described in example 11.

In a further embodiment, the recombinant viral vector is the recombinant ALVAC canarypox virus vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2, expressing the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJL143 polypeptide, as described in example 4.

In a further embodiment, the recombinant viral vector is the recombinant ALVAC canarypox virus vCP2389, expressing the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJL143 polypeptide, as described in the example 12.

In a further embodiment, the recombinant viral vector is the recombinant MVA virus MVA-LJM17, expressing the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJM17 polypeptide, as described in example 5.

In a further embodiment, the recombinant viral vector is the recombinant MVA virus MVA-LJL143, expressing the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJL143 polypeptide, as described in the example 6.

Any of the polynucleotides disclosed here may be expressed in vitro by DNA transfer or expression vectors into a suitable host cell. The host cell may be prokaryotic or eukaryotic. The term "host cell" also includes any progeny of the subject host cell. Methods of stable transfer, meaning that the foreign polynucleotide is continuously maintained in the host cell, are known in the art. Host cells may include bacteria (for example, *Escherichia coli*), yeast, insect cells, and vertebrate cells. Methods of expressing DNA sequences in eukaryotic cells are well known in the art. As a method for in vitro expression, recombinant Baculovirus vectors (for example, Autographa California Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus (AcNPV)) may be used with the nucleic acids disclosed herein. For example, polyhedrin promoters may be utilized with insect cells (for example, *Spodoptera frugiperda* cells, like Sf9 cells available at the ATCC under the Accession number CRL 1711, or Sf21 cells) (see for example, Smith et al.; Pennock et al.; Vialard et al.; Verne A.; O'Reilly et al.; Kidd I. M. & Emery V. C.; EP 0370573; EP 0265785; U.S. Pat. No. 4,745,051). For expression, the BaculoGold Starter Package (Cat #21001K) from Pharmingen (Becton Dickinson) may be used. As a method for in vitro expression, recombinant *E. coli* may be used with a vector. For example, when cloning in bacterial systems, inducible promoters such as arabinose promoter, pL of bacteriophage lambda, plac, ptrp, ptac (ptrp-lac hybrid promoter), and the like may be used. Transformation of a host cell with recombinant DNA may be carried out by conventional techniques are well known to those skilled in the art. Where the host is prokaryotic, such as *E. coli*, competent cells which are capable of DNA uptake can

be prepared from cells harvested after exponential growth phase and subsequently treated by the CaCl₂ method using procedures well known in the art. Alternatively, MgCl₂ or RbCl can be used. Transformation can also be performed by electroporation. When the host is a eukaryote, such methods of transduction of DNA as calcium phosphate coprecipitates, conventional mechanical procedures such as microinjection, electroporation, insertion of a plasmid encased in liposomes, or virus vectors may be used. Eukaryotic cells may also be cotransformed with *L. longipalpis* polynucleotide sequences, and a second foreign DNA molecule encoding a selectable phenotype, such as the herpes simplex thymidine kinase gene. Another method is to use a eukaryotic viral vector (see above), such as a herpes virus or adenovirus (for example, canine adenovirus 2), to transiently transduce eukaryotic cells and express the protein (Gluzman EA). In addition, a transfection agent can be utilized, such as dioleoyl-phosphatidyl-ethanolamine (DOPE).

Isolation and purification of recombinantly expressed polypeptide may be carried out by conventional means including preparative chromatography (for example, size exclusion, ion exchange, affinity), selective precipitation and ultra-filtration. Examples of state of the art techniques that can be used, but not limited to, may be found in "Protein Purification Applications", Second Edition, Edited by Simon Roe and available at Oxford University Press. Such a recombinantly expressed polypeptide is part of the present disclosure. The methods for production of any polypeptide according to the present invention as described above are also encompassed, in particular the use of a recombinant expression vector comprising a polynucleotide according to the disclosure and of a host cell.

The vaccines containing recombinant viral vectors according to the invention may be freeze-dried, advantageously with a stabilizer. Freeze-drying can be done according to well-known standard freeze-drying procedures. The pharmaceutically or veterinary acceptable stabilizers may be carbohydrates (e.g. sorbitol, mannitol, lactose, sucrose, glucose, dextran, trehalose), sodium glutamate (Tsvetkov T et al.; Israeli E et al.), proteins such as peptone, albumin, lactalbumin or casein, protein containing agents such as skimmed milk (Mills C K et al.; Wolff E et al.), and buffers (e.g. phosphate buffer, alkaline metal phosphate buffer). An adjuvant may be used to make soluble the freeze-dried preparations.

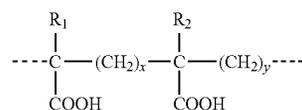
Any vaccine composition according to the invention can also advantageously contain one or more adjuvant.

The plasmid-based vaccines may be formulated with cationic lipids, advantageously with DMRIE (N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-N,N-dimethyl-2,3-bis(tetradécyl-oxy)-1-propanammonium; WO96/34109), and advantageously in association with a neutral lipid, for example DOPE (dioleoyl-phosphatidyl-ethanolamine; Behr J. P.), in order to form DMRIE-DOPE. In one embodiment, the mixture is made extemporaneously, and before its administration it is advantageous to wait about 10 min to about 60 min, for example, about 30 min, for the appropriate complexation of the mixture. When DOPE is used, the molar ratio of DMRIE/DOPE can be from 95/5 to 5/95 and is advantageously 1/1. The weight ratio plasmid/DMRIE or DMRIE-DOPE adjuvant is, for example, from 50/1 to 1/10, from 10/1 to 1/5 or from 1/1 to 1/2.

Optionally a cytokine may be added to the composition, especially GM-CSF or cytokines inducing Th1 (e.g. IL12). These cytokines can be added to the composition as a plasmid encoding the cytokine protein. In one embodiment, the cytokines are from canine origin, e.g. canine GM-CSF which gene sequence has been deposited at the GenBank database (accession number S49738). This sequence can be used to create said plasmid in a manner similar to what was made in WO 00/77210.

The recombinant viral vector-based vaccine may be combined with fMLP (N-formyl-methionyl-leucyl-phenylalanine; U.S. Pat. No. 6,017,537) and/or Carbomer adjuvant (Pharmeuropa Vol. 8, No. 2, June 1996). Persons skilled in the art can also refer to U.S. Pat. No. 2,909,462, which describes such acrylic polymers cross-linked with a polyhydroxylated compound having at least 3 hydroxyl groups, advantageously not more than 8, the hydrogen atoms of at least three hydroxyls being replaced by unsaturated aliphatic radicals having at least 2 carbon atoms. For example, the radicals are those containing from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, e.g. vinyls, allyls and other ethylenically unsaturated groups. The unsaturated radicals may themselves contain other substituents, such as methyl. The products sold under the name Carbopol® (BF Goodrich, Ohio, USA) are appropriate. The products are cross-linked with an allyl sucrose or with allyl pentaerythritol. Among them, there may be advantageously mentioned Carbopol® 974P, 934P and 971P.

Among the copolymers of maleic anhydride and alkenyl derivative, the copolymers EMA® (Monsanto) which are copolymers of maleic anhydride and ethylene, linear or cross-linked, for example cross-linked with divinyl ether, are advantageous. Reference may be made to J. Fields et al. The polymers of acrylic or methacrylic acid and the copolymers EMA® are formed, for example, of basic units of the following formula in which:



R_1 and R_2 , which are identical or different, represent H or CH_3

$x=0$ or 1, preferably $x=1$

$y=1$ or 2, with $x+y=2$

For the copolymers EMA®, $x=0$ and $y=2$. For the carbomers, $x=y=1$.

The dissolution of these polymers in water leads to an acid solution, which is neutralized, advantageously to physiological pH, in order to provide the adjuvant solution into which the vaccine itself is incorporated. The carboxyl groups of the polymer are then partly in COO^- form.

In one embodiment, a solution of adjuvant, especially of carbomer (*Pharmeuropa*, vol. 8, No. 2, June 1996), is prepared in distilled water, advantageously in the presence of sodium chloride, the solution obtained being at an acidic pH. This stock solution is diluted by adding it to the desired quantity (for obtaining the desired final concentration), or a substantial part thereof, of water charged with NaCl, advantageously physiological saline (NaCl 9 g/l) all at once in several portions with concomitant or subsequent neutralization (pH 7.3 to 7.4), advantageously with NaOH. This solution at physiological pH is used for mixing with the vaccine, which may be especially stored in freeze-dried, liquid or frozen form.

The polymer concentration in the final vaccine composition can be from 0.01% to 2% w/v, from 0.06 to 1% w/v, or from 0.1 to 0.6% w/v.

The sub-unit vaccine may be combined with adjuvants, like oil-in-water, water-in-oil-in-water emulsions based on mineral oil and/or vegetable oil and non ionic surfactants such as

block copolymers, Tween®, Span®. Such emulsions are notably those described in page 147 of “Vaccine Design—The Subunit and Adjuvant Approach”, Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, 1995, or TS emulsions, notably the TS6 emulsion, and LF emulsions, notably LF2 emulsion (for both TS and LF emulsions, see WO 04/024027). Other suitable adjuvants are for example vitamin E, saponins, and Carbopol® (Noveon; see WO 99/51269; WO 99/44633), aluminium hydroxide or aluminium phosphate (“Vaccine Design, The subunit and adjuvant approach”, Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, vol. 6, 1995), biological adjuvants (i.e. C4b, notably murine C4b (Ogata R T et al.) or equine C4b, GM-CSF, notably equine GM-CSF (U.S. Pat. No. 6,645,740)), toxins (i.e. cholera toxins CTA or CTB, *Escherichia coli* heat-labile toxins LTA or LTB (Olsen C W et al.; Fingerut E et al.; Zurbriggen R et al. Peppoloni S et al.), and CpG (i.e. CpG #2395 (see Jurk M et al.), CpG #2142 (see SEQ. ID. NO: 890 in EP 1,221,955)).

The vaccine may also contain or comprise one or more *Leishmania* antigens, for example, kinetoplastid membrane protein 11 (KMP11).

Leishmania KMP11 antigens are derived from, for example, *L. infantum* or *L. chagasi*. KMP11 is a highly conserved surface membrane protein present in all members of the family Kinetoplastidae, and is differentially expressed both in amastigote and promastigote forms of *Leishmania* (Jardim A. et al.; Jardim A. et al.; Berberich C. et al.). The nucleic acid sequence of the gene and the amino acid sequence of the protein KMP11 of *Leishmania* are available in public databases, notably as *L. infantum* in the GenBank database under the accession numbers X95627 and X95626. The nucleic acid sequence of *L. donovani* is also available from the GenBank database, notably under the accession number 577039.

The state of the art regarding KMP11, vectors expressing KMP11 and vaccines are best summarized in patent application WO 08/064,181. A plasmid-based vaccine comprising pVR1020KMP11 is described in example 1 and the canarypox virus vector-based vaccine comprising vCP2350 is described in example 3. WO 08/064,181 also gives information regarding adjuvants, formulation, doses and route of administration.

KMP11 polypeptides and variants or fragments thereof may be produced, isolated and purified in the same manner set forth for in vitro expression of sand fly salivary polypeptides.

In one embodiment, the vaccine comprises *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising a polynucleotide encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the KMP11 polynucleotide encoding the KMP11 polypeptide and/or fragments or variants thereof from *Leishmania*. In one specific, non-limiting example of this embodiment, the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polypeptide includes a polypeptide having at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% sequence identity to a polypeptide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87. In another specific, non-limiting example of this embodiment, the polynucleotide encodes a *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polypeptide having at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% sequence identity to a polypeptide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87. In yet

another specific, non-limiting example, the polynucleotide has at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% to a polynucleotide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 89, 90, or 91.

In a particular embodiment, the vaccine comprises *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJM17 polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the polynucleotide encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* LJM17 polypeptide and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the KMP11 polynucleotide encoding the KMP11 polypeptide and/or fragments or variants thereof from *Leishmania*. For example, the vectors for LJM17 may be selected from the group consisting of pVR2001LJM17, pNBO002, vCP2390, vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 and MVA-LJM17. The vectors for KMP11 may be selected from the group consisting of pVR1020KMP11 and vCP2350. In one embodiment, the vaccine comprises plasmids pVR2001 LJM17 and pVR1020KMP11. In another embodiment, the vaccine comprises vectors vCP2390 and vCP2350. In yet another embodiment, the vaccine comprises plasmids pNBO002 and pVR1020KMP11. In yet another embodiment, the vaccine comprises vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 and vCP2350.

In another particular embodiment, the vaccine comprises *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJL143 polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the polynucleotide encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* LJL143 polypeptide and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the polynucleotide encoding *Leishmania* KMP11 polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof. For example, the vectors for LJL143 may be selected from the group consisting of pVR2001LJL143, pNBO003, vCP2389, vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 and MVA-LJL143. The vectors for KMP11 may be selected from the group consisting of pVR1020 KMP11 and vCP2350. In one embodiment, the vaccine comprises plasmids pVR2001LJL143 and pVR1020KMP11. In another embodiment, the vaccine comprises vectors vCP2389 and vCP2350. In yet another embodiment, the vaccine comprises plasmids pNBO003 and pVR1020 KMP11. In yet another embodiment, the vaccine comprises vectors vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 and vCP2350.

In another particular embodiment, the vaccine comprises *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJL143 polypeptides, variants thereof, fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the polynucleotide encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* LJL143 polypeptide and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJM17 polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the LJM17 polynucleotide encoding the *Lu. Longipalpis* LJM17 polypeptide and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or *Leishmania* KMP11 polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the KMP11 polynucleotide or gene. For example, the vectors for LJL143 may be selected from the group consisting of pVR2001LJL143, pNBO003, vCP2389, vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 and MVA-LJL143. The vectors for LJM17 may be selected from the group consisting of pVR2001LJM17, pNBO002, vCP2390, vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 and MVA-LJM17. The vectors for KMP11 may be selected from the group consisting of pVR1020KMP11 and vCP2350. In one embodiment, the vaccine comprises plasmids pVR2001LJL143, pVR2001LJM17 and pVR1020KMP11. In another embodiment, the vaccine comprises vectors vCP2389, vCP2390 and vCP2350. In yet another embodiment, the vaccine comprises plasmids pNBO003, pNBO002 and pVR1020KMP11. In another

embodiment, the vaccine comprises vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2, vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 and vCP2350 vectors.

The vaccine may also be associated with at least one *Leishmania* antigen, for example inactivated *Leishmania*.

In a particular embodiment, the *Leishmania* strain may be *Leishmania infantum*, and/or *Leishmania braziliensis*. In a preferred embodiment, the *Leishmania* strain may be *Leishmania braziliensis*.

These strains of *Leishmania* may be inactivated by chemical or physical methods. The chemical methods are notably BPL, formaldehyde. The physical methods may notably be sonication. One method for inactivating *Leishmania* for use in a vaccine is described in R. Cordeiro Giunchetti et al., Vaccine, 2007. The promastigotes are cultivated in NNN/LIT medium for 6 to 14 days, but more preferably 10 days, until the differentiation between promastigote procyclic form into promastigote metacyclic form is achieved on the basis of a microscopic observation. The culture can then be harvested by centrifugation (2000×g, 20 minutes, 4° C.). When applicable, the supernatant is discarded and the biomass is washed three times in saline buffer. Whether the culture is clarified or not, the promastigote suspension (i.e. crude culture or promastigote resuspended in saline buffer after centrifugation) is subsequently disrupted by ultrasound treatment using a power from 10 to 375 W, but more preferably 40 W, for 1 minute, at 0° C. The batch volume for this treatment is between 5 and 150 mL, preferably 30 mL. After treatment the lysate can be stored at -80° C.

The vaccine formulation may be prepared from the protein concentrate that is obtained following cell lysis. The cell lysate protein quantity that may be used for vaccination of a canine is from about 50 µg to about 2000 µg, preferably from about 50 µg to about 600 µg. Protein concentration is determined according to the method of Lowry.

The inactivated *Leishmania* vaccine may be combined with adjuvants, like those described previously for sub-unit vaccines.

In one embodiment, the vaccine comprises *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polynucleotide and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or inactivated *Leishmania*. In one specific, non-limiting example of this embodiment, the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polypeptide includes a polypeptide having at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% sequence identity to a polypeptide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87. In another specific, non-limiting example of this embodiment, the polynucleotide encodes a *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polypeptide having at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% sequence identity to a polypeptide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87. In yet another specific, non-limiting example, the polynucleotide has at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% to a polynucleotide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 89, 90, or 91.

In a particular embodiment, the vaccine comprises *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJM17 polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the LJM17

polynucleotide and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or inactivated *Leishmania*. For example, the vectors for LJM17 may be selected among the group consisting of pVR2001 LJM17, pNBO002, vCP2390, vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 and MVA-LJM17, and may be combined with inactivated *Leishmania* selected from the group consisting of sonicated inactivated *Leishmania infantum*, and/or *Leishmania braziliensis*. For example, in one embodiment, the vaccine comprises the vCP2390 vector and sonicated inactivated *Leishmania braziliensis*. In another embodiment, the vaccine comprises the vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 vector and sonicated inactivated *Leishmania braziliensis*.

In another particular embodiment, the vaccine comprises *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJJ143 polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the LJJ143 polynucleotide and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or inactivated *Leishmania*. For example, the vectors for LJJ143 may be selected from the group consisting of pVR2001LJJ143, pNBO003, vCP2389, vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 and MVA-LJJ143. The inactivated *Leishmania* may be selected from the group consisting of sonicated inactivated *Leishmania infantum*, and/or *Leishmania braziliensis*. For example, in one embodiment, the vaccine comprises the vCP2389 vector and sonicated inactivated *Leishmania braziliensis*. In another embodiment, the vaccine comprises the vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 vector and sonicated inactivated *Leishmania braziliensis*.

In another particular embodiment, the vaccine comprises *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJJ143 polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the LJJ143 polynucleotide and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or *Lu. longipalpis* salivary LJM17 polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or vectors comprising the LJM17 polynucleotide and/or variants or fragments thereof, and/or inactivated *Leishmania*. For example, the vectors could be selected for LJJ143 from the group consisting of pVR2001LJJ143, pNBO003, vCP2389, vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 and MVA-LJJ143. For LJM17, the vectors may be selected from the group consisting of pVR2001LJM17, pNBO002, vCP2390, vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 and MVA-LJM17. The inactivated *Leishmania* may be selected from the group consisting of sonicated inactivated *Leishmania infantum*, and/or *Leishmania braziliensis*. In one embodiment, the vaccine comprises vCP2389 and vCP2390 vectors and sonicated inactivated *Leishmania braziliensis*. In another embodiment, the vaccine comprises vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 and vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 vectors and sonicated inactivated *Leishmania braziliensis*.

Another aspect of the present invention relates to methods of vaccinating a host against *Leishmania* using the vaccine compositions disclosed herein.

The host may be any one or all of humans, felines (for example, domesticated cats, kittens, big cats and wild cats) and canines (for example, dogs, bitches, puppies, foxes, jackals, and wolves). In one embodiment, the host is a canine.

The routes of administration may be, for example, intramuscular (IM) or intradermal (ID) or transdermal (TD) or subcutaneous (SC). The means of administration may be, for example, a syringe with a needle, or needle free apparatus, or a syringe with a needle coupled to electrotransfer (ET) treatment, or needle free apparatus coupled to ET treatment.

Another aspect of the invention relates to the use of a plasmid-based vaccine according to the present invention for administration to *Leishmania*, a host, wherein this administration is coupled to ET treatment. The administration of a plasmid-based vaccine is advantageously intramuscular. The means of administration is, for example, a syringe and a

needle. One or several injections may be administered successively. In the case of several injections, they may be carried out 2 to 6 weeks apart, for example, about 3 weeks apart. In one embodiment, a semi-annual booster or an annual booster is further administered.

For plasmid-based vaccines, advantageous routes of administration may be ID or IM. This administration may be through use of a syringe with a needle or with a needle free apparatus like Dermojet or Biojector (Bioject, Oregon, USA) or Vetjet™ (Merial) or Vitajet™ (Bioject Inc.), see US 2006/0034867. The dosage may be from 50 µg to 500 µg per plasmid. When DMRIE-DOPE is added, 100 µg per plasmid may be utilized. When canine GM-CSF or other cytokines are used, the plasmid encoding this protein may be present at a dosage of from about 200 µg to about 500 µg and may advantageously be 200 µg. The volume of doses can be between 0.01 ml and 0.5 ml, for example, 0.25 ml. Administration may be provided with multiple points of injection.

Alternatively, plasmid-based vaccines may be administered via the IM route coupled to electrotransfer (ET) treatment. The ET treatment may be performed using an apparatus for electrotransfer and the specifications of the manufacturer (i.e. Spherger G250 generator (Spherger SARL, Evry Genopole, France); MedPulser® DNA electroporation system (Innovio Biomedical Corporation, San Diego, Calif., USA)). In one embodiment, the apparatus for electrotransfer has a unipolar field. The field intensity may be from about 50 to about 250 V/cm, from about 50 to about 200 V/cm, or from about 50 to about 175 V/cm. The pulse duration may be from about 1 to about 50 msec, or from about 15 to about 25 msec. The frequency may be from about 1 to about 50 Hz, or from about 5 to about 15 Hz. The interpulse interval may be from about 1 to 1000 msec, or from about 1 to about 200 msec. The number of pulses may be from 1 to 20, or from 5 to 10. The intra tissular intensity may advantageously be up to about 2 A. The distance between electrodes may be from about 0.2 to about 1 cm, or from about 0.2 to about 0.5 cm.

For recombinant viral vector-based vaccines, the routes of administration may advantageously be SC or IM or TD or ID. This administration may be made by a syringe with a needle or with a needle free apparatus like Dermojet or Biojector (Bioject, Oregon, USA) or Vetjet™ (Merial) or Vitajet™ (Bioject Inc.). The dosage may be from about 10³ pfu to about 10⁹ pfu per recombinant poxvirus vector. When the vector is a canarypox virus, the dosage may be, for example, from about 10⁵ pfu to about 10⁹ pfu, or from about 10⁶ pfu to about 10⁸ pfu. The volume of doses may be from about 0.01 ml to 0.2 ml, and is advantageously 0.1 ml. Administration may comprise multiple points of injection.

For the IM route the volume of the vaccine provided may be from 0.2 to 2 ml, in particular from about 0.5 to 1 ml. The same dosages are utilized for any of the vectors of the present invention.

For sub-unit vaccines, the route of administration may advantageously be via SC or IM or TD or ID. This administration may be made by a syringe with a needle or with a needle free apparatus like Dermojet or Biojector (Bioject, Oregon, USA) or Vetjet™ (Merial) or Vitajet™ (Bioject Inc.). The dosage may be from about 50 to about 500 µg, in particular from about 50 to about 150 µg, and more particularly from about 50 to about 100 µg. The volume of the sub-unit vaccine provided is from 0.2 to 2 ml, in particular from about 0.5 to 1 ml.

In another aspect, the present invention relates to a vaccine strategy, which is based on a prime-boost administration regimen, where the primo-administration and the boost administration(s) utilize a composition comprising a pharmaceuti-

cally or veterinary acceptable excipient, diluent or vehicle and an in vivo expression vector comprising a polynucleotide sequence, that contains and expresses the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polypeptide and/or variants or fragments thereof.

The present invention relates to the use of in vivo expression vectors in a prime-boost administration regimen, comprising a primo-administration of a vaccine comprising a pharmaceutically or veterinary acceptable vehicle, diluent or excipient, an in vivo expression vector containing a polynucleotide sequence for expressing, in vivo, *Lu. longipalpis* salivary polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof, followed by a boost administration of a vaccine comprising a pharmaceutically or veterinary acceptable vehicle or excipient, an in vivo expression vector containing a polynucleotide sequence for expressing, in vivo, sand fly *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides and/or variants or fragments thereof as described above, to protect a host from leishmaniasis and/or to prevent disease progression in infected hosts.

A prime-boost regimen comprises at least one primo-administration and at least one boost administration using at least one common polypeptide and/or variants or fragments thereof. The vaccine used in primo-administration may be different in nature from those used as a later booster vaccine. The primo-administration may comprise one or more administrations. Similarly, the boost administration may comprise one or more administrations.

The routes of administration, doses and volumes are as previously disclosed herein.

The prime-boost administrations may be advantageously carried out 2 to 6 weeks apart, for example, about 3 weeks apart. According to one embodiment, a semi-annual booster or an annual booster, advantageously using the viral vector-based vaccine, is also envisaged. The animals are advantageously at least 6 to 8 weeks old at the time of the first administration.

In a particular embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a plasmid-based vaccine according to the present invention and at least one boost-administration of a recombinant viral vector-based vaccine according to the present invention.

In another particular embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a recombinant viral vector-based vaccine according to the present invention and at least one boost-administration of a sub-unit vaccine according to the present invention.

In another particular embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a recombinant viral vector-based vaccine according to the present invention and at least one boost-administration of a plasmid-based vaccine according to the present invention.

In one embodiment, the present invention relates to a method of vaccinating a subject susceptible to *Leishmania* comprising a prime-boost administration regimen wherein said regimen comprises a primo-administration of a vaccine comprising, in a pharmaceutically or veterinary acceptable vehicle, diluent or excipient, a plasmid containing a polynucleotide for expressing, in vivo, a salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, a variant or fragment of the salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, or a mixture thereof, followed by a boost administration of a vaccine comprising, in a pharmaceutically or veterinary acceptable vehicle or excipient, a recombinant viral vector comprising a polynucleotide for expressing, in vivo, the same salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide(s), variant thereof, fragment thereof, to protect the subject from leishmaniasis and/or to prevent disease progression in infected subject.

In another embodiment, the present invention relates to a method vaccinating a subject susceptible to *Leishmania* comprising a prime-boost administration regimen wherein said regimen comprises a primo-administration of a vaccine comprising, in a pharmaceutically or veterinary acceptable vehicle, diluent or excipient, a recombinant viral vector comprising a polynucleotide for expressing, in vivo, a salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, a variant or fragment of the salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, or a mixture thereof, followed by a boost administration of a vaccine comprising, in a pharmaceutically or veterinary acceptable vehicle or excipient, a plasmid containing a polynucleotide for expressing, in vivo, the same salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide(s), variant thereof, fragment thereof, to protect the subject from leishmaniasis and/or to prevent disease progression in infected subject.

In yet another embodiment, the present invention related to a method of vaccinating a subject susceptible to *Leishmania* comprising a prime-boost administration regimen wherein said regimen comprises a primo-administration of a vaccine comprising, in a pharmaceutically or veterinary acceptable vehicle, diluent or excipient, a recombinant viral vector comprising a polynucleotide for expressing, in vivo, a salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, a variant or fragment of the salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, or a mixture thereof, followed by a boost administration of a vaccine comprising, in a pharmaceutically or veterinary acceptable vehicle or excipient, the same salivary *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide(s), variant thereof, fragment thereof, to protect the subject from leishmaniasis and/or to prevent disease progression in infected subject.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a pVR2001LJM17 or pNBO002 plasmid-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a vCP2390 or vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 vector-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a pVR2001LJL143 or pNBO003 plasmid-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a vCP2389 or vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 vector-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a pVR2001LJL143 and pVR2001LJM17 plasmid-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a vCP2389 and vCP2390 vector-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a pNBO003 and pNBO002 plasmid-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 and vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 vector-based vaccine.

In yet another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a pVR2001LJM17 or pNBO002 plasmid-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a MVA-LJM17 vector-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a pVR2001LJL143 or pNBO003 plasmid-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a MVA-LJL143 vector-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a pVR2001LJL143 and pVR2001LJM17 plasmid-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a MVA-LJL143 and MVA-LJM17 vector-based vaccine.

In yet another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a

pNBO003 and pNBO002 plasmid-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a MVA-LJL143 and MVA-LJM17 vector-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a vCP2390 or vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a LJM17 polypeptide sub-unit vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a vCP2389 or vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a LJL143 polypeptide sub-unit vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a vCP2389 or vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 and vCP2390 or vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a LJL143 polypeptide and LJM17 polypeptide sub-unit vaccine.

In yet another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a MVA-LJM17 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a LJM17 polypeptide sub-unit vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a MVA-LJL143 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a LJL143 polypeptide sub-unit vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a MVA-LJL143 and MVA-LJM17 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a LJL143 polypeptide and LJM17 polypeptide sub-unit vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a vCP2390 or vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a pVR2001LJM17 or pNBO002 plasmid-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a vCP2389 or vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a pVR2001LJL143 or pNBO003 plasmid-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a vCP2389 and vCP2390 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a pVR2001LJL143 and pVR2001LJM17 plasmid-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2 and vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a pNBO003 and pNBO002 plasmid-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a MVA-LJM17 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a pVR2001LJM17 or pNBO002 plasmid-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a MVA-LJL143 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a pVR2001LJL143 or pNBO003 plasmid-based vaccine.

In another embodiment, the prime-boost administration regimen comprises at least one primo-administration of a MVA-LJL143 and MVA-LJM17 vector-based vaccine, and at least one boost-administration of a pNBO003 and pNBO002 plasmid-based vaccine.

Another aspect of the present invention relates to a kit for prime-boost vaccination according to the present invention. The kit may comprise at least two vials: a first vial containing a vaccine for the primo-vaccination according to the present invention, and a second vial containing a vaccine for the boost-vaccination according to the present invention. The kit may advantageously contain additional first or second vials for additional primo-vaccinations or additional boost-vaccinations.

In one embodiment, the kit may comprise two vials, one containing a plasmid-based vaccine for the primo-vaccination according to the present invention, the other vial containing a recombinant viral vector-based vaccine for the boost-vaccination according to the present invention.

In another embodiment, the kit may comprise two vials, one containing a recombinant viral vector-based vaccine for the primo-vaccination according to the present invention, the other vial containing a sub-unit vaccine for the boost-vaccination according to the present invention.

In another embodiment, the kit may comprise two vials, one containing a recombinant viral vector-based vaccine for the primo-vaccination according to the present invention, the other vial containing a plasmid-based vaccine for the boost-vaccination according to the present invention.

It is disclosed herein that individuals who experience an anti-*Leishmania* DTH response conversion also have an increase in antibodies against *Lu. longipalpis* salivary proteins. Thus, the presence or absence of antibodies to *Lu. longipalpis* salivary proteins can be used to ascertain if a subject has a *Leishmania* infection.

A method is disclosed herein for diagnosing infection with *Leishmania* by detecting the presence of antibodies that specifically bind one or more polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87, or a polypeptide having at least 80%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 99% homologous to one of these polypeptides, a conservative variant, a homolog or an immunogenic fragment of one of these polypeptides. The method can utilize a single *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide or a combination of these polypeptides. In certain examples, the method of diagnosis detects antibodies that specifically bind at least 3, 6, or 10 of these polypeptides, or immunogenic fragments thereof.

In one embodiment, one or more *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide can be bound to a solid substrate. For example, the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide having an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, or 87 can be bound to the substrate. One of more of these polypeptides can be bound to the substrate, for example at least 3, 6, or 10 of these polypeptides, or an immunogenic fragment thereof. In one example, one or more polypeptides having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 25, 33, 39, 47, or 77 can be bound to the substrate. In another example, one or more *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, or 57 can be bound to the substrate. In one specific, non-limiting example, at least six *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides are bound to a solid substrate, wherein each of the polypeptides comprises an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 1 (or 3, or 11, or 13), SEQ ID NO: 5 (or 7, or 15, or 17), SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 73, or SEQ ID NO: 77, or an immunogenic fragment thereof. In another specific, non-limiting example, at least three *Lu. Longipalpis* polypeptides are bound to a solid substrate, wherein each of the polypeptides

comprises an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 (or 3, or 11, or 13), SEQ ID NO: (or 7, or 15, or 17), or SEQ ID NO: 57, or an immunogenic fragment thereof.

In one embodiment, two or more (for example at least 3, 6, or 10) *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides (or immunogenic fragments thereof) are applied to a solid substrate, for example as a series of "dots," such as in a "dot blot" assay. In another embodiment, two or more *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides are applied to a substrate such as in a linear array. In a further embodiment, *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides are applied to a membrane in a two-dimensional array. In this manner, the presence of antibodies to more than one *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide is assessed. Each *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide can be applied directly to the surface of a membrane in a single location or in a combination of locations.

The solid substrate can be a polystyrene bead, a membrane, a chip or a plate. A plastic or glass substrate can be utilized. In other embodiments, a membrane is utilized that is composed of porous materials such as nylon, nitrocellulose, cellulose acetate, glass fibers, and other porous polymers. The surface of a solid support may be activated by chemical processes that cause covalent linkage of polypeptide to the support. However, any other suitable method may be used for immobilizing a polypeptide to a solid support including, without limitation, ionic interactions, hydrophobic interactions, covalent interactions and the like. Once the polypeptide is applied to the substrate, the substrate can be contacted with a substance, such as protein-containing solution, which non-specifically saturates the binding sites thereon. Specific, non-limiting examples of a protein-containing solution include a solution made from powdered milk or serum albumin, such as bovine serum albumin.

A specimen (for example, sera, blood, plasma, urine, semen, saliva, sputum, lacrimal fluid, lymph fluid) is then added to the substrate, and the combined specimen and substrate are incubated for a sufficient time to allow specific binding. Specific binding of antibodies to the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides disclosed herein, are then detected using any means known to one of skill in the art. In one embodiment, a labeled secondary antibody is used to detect the antibodies that specifically bind the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides. The label can be a radiolabel (for example, ¹²⁵I), an enzymatic label (for example, alkaline phosphatase or horseradish peroxidase), or a fluorescent label (for example, fluorescein isothiocyanate). Detection systems for these labels are known to one of skill in the art. Binding of the specimen, or a component of the specimen, to the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, as indicated by the presence of the marker, indicates infection with *Leishmania*.

In another embodiment, the specimen is adsorbed onto a solid substrate containing binding sites for polypeptides, such as antibody molecules. In one embodiment, the solid substrate is a polystyrene bead, a chip, a membrane or a plate. The substrate is thereafter contacted with a substance, such as a protein-containing solution that non-specifically saturates the binding sites thereon. The substrate is then washed with a buffer. A solution of one or more *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides is then added to the bound specimens. In one embodiment, the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide is directly labeled. The labeling of the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide can be brought about by use of any marker, such as by incorporation of a radioactive isotope or group, or by coupling this component to an enzyme, a dyestuff, for example a chromophoric moiety or a fluorescent group. The enzymes of use are those which can be colorimetrically, spectrophotometrically, or fluorimetrically determined. Non-limiting examples of enzymes for use in the present invention include enzymes from the group of oxi-

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doreductases, such as catalase, peroxidase, glucose oxidase, beta-glucuronidase, beta-D-glucosidase, beta-D-galactosidase, urease and galactose oxidase. After the labeled *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide is incubated with the solid substrate, any unbound labeled *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide is removed by washing. Bound labeled *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide is then detected by an appropriate assay. Binding of the labeled *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide to the specimen, or to a component of the specimen, is indicative of infection with *Leishmania*.

In general, the incubation steps utilized in carrying out the procedures can be performed in a known manner, such as by incubating at temperatures between about 4° C. and about 25° C., for about 30 minutes to about 48 hours. Washings can be included with an aqueous solution such as a buffer, wherein the buffer is from about pH 6 to about pH 8, such as by using an isotonic saline solution of a pH of about 7.

Competitive binding assays are also of use in detecting infection with *Leishmania*. One of skill in the art, given the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides disclosed herein, will readily be able to design additional assays, such as competitive binding assays, of use in detecting *Leishmania* infection.

In another embodiment, the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides disclosed herein can be included in a diagnostic test kit. For example, a diagnostic test kit for detecting a *Leishmania* infection includes a solid substrate having applied thereon one or more *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide disclosed herein. In other embodiments, the kit includes written instructions and/or a container including a specified amount of labeled antibodies to immunoglobulins, such as IgG or IgM, or labeled secondary antibodies that bind antibodies from a species of interest. For example labeled antibodies can be provided that specifically detect dog or human immunoglobulins. The labeled antibodies can be fluorescently labeled, enzymatically labeled, or radiolabeled. Labeled antibodies used in the above-described test kits can be packaged in either solution or lyophilized form suitable for reconstitution.

In another embodiment the test kit includes a specified amount of one or more *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide described herein in a container, and written instructions. In one example, the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide is directly labeled. In another example, the one or more *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide is unlabeled. If the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide is unlabeled, a container can also be included with a detection reagent that specifically binds the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, such as a labeled monoclonal antibody. The kit can also optionally include a solid substrate for binding the specimen.

The above described process and test kit for detection of antibodies to the *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptides disclosed herein can be utilized in many applications, including, but not limited to detecting *Leishmania* infection in a subject using the methods disclosed herein. The tests and kits disclosed herein can be used to detect the efficacy of a therapeutic treatment in a subject. In yet another embodiment, the tests and kits disclosed herein can also be used to assess a primary infection with *Leishmania* or to predict recovery from *Leishmania* infection by taking a body fluid from an infected subject, for example at various times following infection, and applying the above described detection procedures.

The invention will now be further described by way of the following non-limiting examples.

EXAMPLES

Without further elaboration, it is believed that one skilled in the art can, using the preceding descriptions, practice the present invention to its fullest extent. The following detailed

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examples are to be construed as merely illustrative, and not limitations of the preceding disclosure in any way whatsoever. Those skilled in the art will promptly recognize appropriate variations from the procedures both as to reactants and as to reaction conditions and techniques.

Construction of DNA inserts, plasmids and recombinant viral vectors was carried out using the standard molecular biology techniques described by J. Sambrook et al. (Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, 2nd Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., 1989). All the restriction fragments used for the present invention were isolated using the "GeneClean" kit (BIO 101 Inc., La Jolla, Calif.).

Example 1

Construction of the pVR2001LJM17 Plasmid
Expressing the *Lu. Longipalpis* Salivary LJM17
Polypeptide

The polynucleotide encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* LJM17 polypeptide is synthesized and has the sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 8 which contains poly(A) tail. The LJM17 fragment is amplified by PCR and cloned into the TOPO cloning site of the pVR2001-TOPA donor plasmid (also referred to as pVR2001-TOPO).

The resultant plasmid, pVR2001LJM17 therefore contains and expresses a nucleotide encoding a promoter capable of driving expression in a mammalian cell, a leader peptide for facilitating secretion/release of a prokaryotic protein sequence from a mammalian cell, LJM17, topoisomerases flanking the DNA encoding LJM17, as well as a termination sequence.

The nucleic acid sequence of one strand of the plasmid pVR2001LJM17 is described in SEQ ID NO: 9 and in FIG. 1, wherein BamHI sites are in positions [4-9] and [5051-5056], the nucleotide sequence encoding the tPA signal peptide is in position [4976-5062] and the nucleotide sequence encoding LJM17 is in position [5063-6247].

Example 2

Construction of the pVR2001LJL143 Plasmid
Expressing the *Lu. Longipalpis* Salivary LJL143
Polypeptide

The polynucleotide encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* LJL143 polypeptide is synthesized and has the sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 4 which contains poly(A) tail. The LJL143 fragment is amplified by PCR and cloned into the TOPO cloning site of the pVR2001-TOPA plasmid as described in example 1, to generate the plasmid pVR2001LJL143.

The nucleic acid sequence of one strand of the plasmid pVR2001LJL143 is described in SEQ ID NO: 10 and in FIG. 2, wherein BamHI sites are in positions [4-9] and [5051-5056], the nucleotide sequence encoding the tPA signal peptide is in position [4976-5062] and the nucleotide sequence encoding LJL143 is in position [5063-5899].

Example 3

Construction of an ALVAC Canarypox Virus Vector
Expressing the *Lu. Longipalpis* Salivary LJM17
Polypeptide

For a discussion and examples of the plasmid pALVAC, and the C3 locus, see e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,756,103; 5,833,

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975; and 6,780,407. The sequence of the vaccinia virus H6 promoter has been previously described (see e.g., Taylor et al.; Taylor et al.; Guo et al.).

The polynucleotide encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* LJM17 polypeptide is synthesized and has the sequence described in SEQ ID NO:6. This polynucleotide is then ligated to the pALVAC C3H6p donor plasmid resulting in pALVAC C3H6p-LJM17 containing 5737 base pairs (FIG. 3).

To generate vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6, the pALVAC C3H6p-LJM17 plasmid is linearized with NotI restriction enzyme. The linearized fragments were individually transfected into ALVAC-infected primary CEF cells using the calcium phosphate precipitation method (see, Panicali et al.; Piccini et al.). After 24 h, the transfected cells are harvested, sonicated and used for recombinant virus screening.

Recombinant plaques are screened based on the plaque lift hybridization method using a *Lu. longipalpis* LJM17-specific probe which is labeled with horse radish peroxidase according to the manufacturer's protocol (Amersham Cat# RPN-3001). After three sequential rounds of plaque purification, the recombinants are generated by hybridization confirmation as 100% positive for the *Lu. longipalpis* LJM17 insert and 100% negative for the C3 ORF.

A single plaque is selected from the third round of plaque purification and expanded to obtain P1 (60 mm), P2 (T75 flasks), and P3 (roller bottles) stocks to amplify vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6. The infected cell culture fluid from the roller bottles is harvested and concentrated to produce virus stock.

The construct is sequenced to confirm the sequences of the *Lutzomyia longipalpis* LJM17 insert and the C3 left and right arms around the *Lutzomyia longipalpis* LJM17 insert in vCP2390-SEQ ID NO:6.

Example 4

Construction of an ALVAC Canarypox Virus Vector Expressing the *Lu. Longipalpis* Salivary LJL143 Polypeptide

The polynucleotide encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* LJL143 polypeptide is synthesized and has the sequence described in SEQ ID NO:2. This sequence is then ligated to a pALVAC C3H6p donor plasmid. The resulting plasmid, pALVAC C3H6p-LJL143 comprises 5400 base pairs (FIG. 5), and is sequenced to confirm the nucleic acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 2) of the LJL143 gene.

To generate vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2, the pALVAC C3H6p-LJL143 plasmid is linearized with NotI restriction enzyme. The linearized fragments are individually transfected into ALVAC-infected primary CEF cells by using the calcium phosphate precipitation method (see, Panicali et al.; Piccini et al.). After 24 h, the transfected cells are harvested, sonicated and used for recombinant virus screening.

Recombinant plaques are screened based on the plaque lift hybridization method using a *Lu. longipalpis* LJL143-specific probe which is labeled with horse radish peroxidase according to the manufacturer's protocol (Amersham Cat# RPN-3001). After three sequential rounds of plaque purification, the recombinants are generated by hybridization confirmation as 100% positive for the *Lu. longipalpis* LJL143 insert and 100% negative for the C3 ORF.

A single plaque is selected from the third round of plaque purification and expanded to obtain P1 (60 mm), P2 (T75 flasks), P3 (roller bottles) stocks to amplify vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2. The infected cell culture fluid from the roller bottles are harvested and concentrated to produce virus stock.

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The construct is sequenced to confirm the sequences of the *Lutzomyia longipalpis* LJL143 insert and the C3 left and right arms around the *Lutzomyia longipalpis* LJL143 insert in vCP2389-SEQ ID NO:2.

Example 5

Construction of a MVA Vector Expressing the *Lu. Longipalpis* Salivary LJM17 Polypeptide

MVA is a modified Ankara strain obtained after more than 570 passages of the Ankara vaccine strain on chicken embryo fibroblasts (see Stickl & Hochstein-Mintzel; Sutter et al.) available as ATCC VR-1508. Its adaptation to these cells caused the excision of 6 regions which are nonessential for its development and its infectious cycle on this type of cells (disappearance of about 15% of the viral genome; Meyer et al.). Exogenous genetic material may be inserted into any of these excision regions. In the context of the present invention, foreign genetic material is inserted into excisions II and III which are located using the HindIII restriction fragments N and A respectively (Altenburger et al.).

Engineering of the recombinant MVA virus expressing LJM17 is performed as previously described in Staib C. et al., with the exception that the 723-base pairs DNA fragment containing the gfp ORF is replaced by the 1239 base pairs DNA fragment encoding LJM17 antigen (SEQ ID NO: 6), generating MVA-LJM17.

Example 6

Construction of a MVA Vector Expressing the *Lu. Longipalpis* Salivary LJL143 Polypeptide

Construction of the recombinant MVA virus expressing LJL143 is performed as previously described in Staib C. et al., with the exception that the 723-base pairs DNA fragment containing the gfp ORF is replaced by the 906 base pairs DNA fragment encoding LJL143 antigen (SEQ ID NO: 2), generating MVA-LJL143.

Example 7

Expression of *Lu. Longipalpis* Salivary Protein In Vitro

Expression plasmids containing His-tagged *Lu. longipalpis* salivary antigens encoded by cDNA derived from the plasmids pVR2001LJM17 (see example 1) and pVR2001LJL143 (see example 2) are constructed and transfected in HEK-293F cells. Supernatants collected at 72 h are analyzed by HPLC chromatography using Nickel column and imidazole gradient. HPLC fractions positive for the recombinant salivary protein with 6x His motif at their C-terminus are tested with polyclonal sera of mice previously immunized with the corresponding original cDNA plasmids. Recombinant proteins are tested by SDS-PAGE and Western blotting, aliquoted in PBS and stored at -70° C.

The sub-unit vaccine comprising LJM17 is referred to herein as rLJM17. The vaccine is prepared by combining 100 µg of purified recombinant protein LJM17 with 300 µg of the adjuvant CpG #2142 in 20% Emulsigen® (MVP laboratories) (for CpG #2142, see SEQ. ID. NO: 890 in EP-B1-1,221, 955).

The sub-unit vaccine comprising LJL143 is referred to herein as rLJM143. The vaccine is prepared by combining

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100 µg of purified recombinant protein LJL143 with 300 µg of the adjuvant CpG #2142 in 20% Emulsigen®.

Example 8

Vaccination of Dogs Against Leishmaniasis

25 dogs (1-2 years old female beagles) are randomly divided into 5 groups of 5 dogs each. All dogs from groups 1 to 4 are vaccinated at D0 (V1) by the intradermal (ID) route into the ear pinna using a syringe and a needle with 500 µg of purified pVR2001LJM17 plasmid (example 1) expressing LJM17 (groups 1 and 2) or pVR2001LJL143 plasmid (example 2) expressing LJL143 (groups 3 and 4).

Dogs from group 1 and group 3 are boosted at D14 (V2) and D28 (V3) with 500 µg of the same plasmids used for V1 by the transdermal (TD) route in the inner upper part of both hind legs using the VetJet™ (Merial) needle-free delivery device. Dogs from group 1 and group 3 were further boosted at D42 (V4) with 500 µg of the same plasmids by the intramuscular route coupled to electroporation (ET/IM) in the external side of both thighs using the Sphergerin device and technology (parameters: 88V, T1=20, T2=80, N=10).

Dogs from groups 2 and 4 are boosted at D14 (V2) and D28 (V3) with 500 µg of the same plasmids used for V1 by the IM route coupled to electroporation (ET/IM) as described above. Dogs from groups 2 and 4 are further boosted at D42 (V4) by the ID route into the ear pinna as described above with sub-unit vaccines (see example 7) rLJM17 (group 2) or rLJL143 (group 4), respectively.

All dogs from groups 1 and 2 receive a final vaccine booster at D192 (V5) by the IM route in the left quadriceps using 10⁸ pfu of a recombinant canarypox virus vCP2390 (example 3) expressing LJM17. All dogs from groups 3 and 4 receive a final vaccine booster at D192 (V5) by the IM route in the left quadriceps using 10⁸ pfu of a recombinant canarypox virus vCP2389 (example 4) expressing LJL143.

Dogs from group 5 are vaccinated with 500 µg of the purified parental plasmid pVR2001 which expresses no antigen at D0 by ID, D14 by TD, D28 by TD and D42 by ET/IM and receive a final booster at D192 by the IM route using 10⁸ pfu of a control recombinant canarypox virus (Purevax™).

Example 9

Construction of the pNBO002 Plasmid Expressing the *Lu. longipalpis* Salivary LJM17 Polypeptide

The nucleic acid sequence encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* LJM17 polypeptide was synthesized and has the sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 18 which contains poly(A) tail. The LJM17 fragment was amplified by PCR and cloned into the TOPO cloning site of the pVR2001-TOPA donor plasmid as described in example 1, to generate the plasmid pNBO002.

The nucleic acid sequence of one strand of the plasmid pNBO002 is described in SEQ ID NO: 19 and in FIG. 11, wherein BamHI sites are in positions [1819-1824] and [3019-3024], the nucleotide sequence encoding the tPA signal peptide is in position [1744-1830] and the nucleotide sequence encoding LJM17 is in position [1831-3015]. The map of the pNBO002 plasmid is shown in FIG. 12.

pNBO002 is analogous to pVR2001LJM17. In this case, this construct and the construct of example 1 are identifiable by the nucleic acid sequence of their inserts, SEQ ID NO: 18 and SEQ ID NO: 8, respectively.

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Example 10

Construction of the pNBO003 Plasmid Expressing the *Lu. longipalpis* Salivary LJL143 Polypeptide

The nucleic acid sequence encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* LJL143 was synthesized and has the sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 14, which contains poly(A) tail. The LJL143 fragment was amplified by PCR and cloned into the TOPO cloning site of the pVR2001-TOPA plasmid, as described in example 1, to generate the plasmid pNBO003.

The nucleic acid sequence of one strand of the plasmid pNBO003 is described in SEQ ID NO: 20 and in FIG. 13, wherein BamHI sites are in positions [1819-1824] and [2671-2676], the nucleotide sequence encoding the tPA signal peptide is in position [1744-1830] and the nucleotide sequence encoding LJL143 is in position [1831-2667]. The map of the pNBO003 plasmid is shown in FIG. 14.

pNBO003 is analogous to pVR2001 LJL143. In this case, this construct and the construct of example 2 are identifiable by the nucleic acid sequence of their inserts, SEQ ID NO: 14 and SEQ ID NO: 4, respectively.

Example 11

Construction of an ALVAC Canarypox Virus Vector Expressing the *Lu. longipalpis* Salivary LJM17 Polypeptide

For discussion and examples of the plasmid pALVAC and the C3 locus, see e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,756,103; 5,833,975; and 6,780,407. The sequence of the vaccinia virus H6 promoter has been previously described (see e.g., Taylor et al.; Taylor et al.; Guo et al.).

The nucleic acid sequence encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* LJM17 polypeptide was synthesized and has the sequence described in SEQ ID NO:6. This sequence was codon-optimized for mammalian expression by Genentech GmbH (Regensburg, Germany), resulting in the sequence described in SEQ ID NO:91, which encodes the LJM15 polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:5).

This codon-optimized sequence was then ligated to the pALVAC C3H6p donor plasmid to generate pALVAC C3H6p-LJM17 containing 5737 base pairs (FIG. 3). The resulting plasmid, pALVAC C3H6p-LJM17, was sequenced and confirmed to contain the nucleic acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:91) of the LJM17 gene.

To generate vCP2390, the pALVAC C3H6p-LJM17 plasmid was linearized with NotI restriction enzyme. The linearized fragments were individually transfected into ALVAC-infected primary CEF cells by using the calcium phosphate precipitation method described previously (Panicali et al.; Piccini et al.). After 24 h, the transfected cells were harvested, sonicated and used for recombinant virus screening.

Recombinant plaques were screened based on the plaque lift hybridization method using a *Lu. longipalpis* synthetic LJM17-specific probe which was labeled with horse radish peroxidase according to the manufacturer's protocol (Amersham Cat# RPN-3001). After three sequential rounds of plaque purification, the recombinants were generated and confirmed by hybridization as 100% positive for the synthetic LJM17 insert and 100% negative for the C3 ORF.

A single plaque was selected from the third round of plaque purification and expanded to obtain P1 (60 mm), P2 (T75 flasks), P3 (roller bottles) stocks to amplify vCP2390. The infected cell culture fluid from the roller bottles was harvested and concentrated to produce virus stock.

The construct was sequenced to confirm the sequences of the codon-optimized LJM17 insert and the C3 left and right arms around the codon-optimized LJM17 insert in vCP2390.

The vCP2390 vector is illustrated in FIG. 4. The nucleic acid sequences for both vCP2390 strands are described in FIG. 4.

Example 12

Construction of an ALVAC Canarypox Virus Vector Expressing the *Lu. Longipalpis* Salivary LJL143 Polypeptide

The nucleic acid sequence encoding the *Lu. longipalpis* LJL143 was synthesized and has the sequence described in SEQ ID NO:2. This sequence was codon-optimized for mammalian expression by Geneart GmbH (Regensburg, Germany), resulting in the sequence described in SEQ ID NO:22, which encodes the LJL143 protein (SEQ ID NO:1).

This codon-optimized sequence was then ligated to the pALVAC C3H6p donor plasmid resulting in pALVAC C3H6p-LJL143 containing 5400 base pairs (FIG. 5), which was sequenced and confirmed to contain the nucleic acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:22) of the LJL143 gene.

To generate vCP2389, the plasmid pALVAC C3H6p-LJL143 plasmid was linearized with NotI restriction enzyme. The linearized fragments were individually transfected into ALVAC-infected primary CEF cells by using the calcium phosphate precipitation method (see, Panicali et al.; Piccini et al.). After 24 h, the transfected cells were harvested, sonicated and used for recombinant virus screening.

Recombinant plaques were screened based on the plaque lift hybridization method using a *Lu. longipalpis* synthetic LJL143-specific probe which was labeled with horse radish peroxidase according to the manufacturer's protocol (Amersham Cat# RPN-3001). After three sequential rounds of plaque purification, the recombinants were generated and confirmed by hybridization as 100% positive for the synthetic LJL143 insert and 100% negative for the C3 ORF.

A single plaque was selected from the third round of plaque purification and expanded to obtain P1 (60 mm), P2 (T75 flasks), P3 (roller bottles) stocks to amplify vCP2389. The infected cell culture fluid from the roller bottles was harvested and concentrated to produce virus stock.

After sequencing, the results showed that the sequence of the synthetic LJL143 insert and the C3 left and right arms around the synthetic LJL143 insert in vCP2389 were correct.

The vCP2389 vector is illustrated in FIG. 6.

Example 13

Expression of *Lu. Longipalpis* Salivary Protein In Vitro

Expression plasmids containing His-tagged *Lu. longipalpis* salivary antigens encoded by cDNA derived from plasmids pNBO002 (see example 9) and pNBO003 (see example 10) were constructed and transfected into HEK-293F cells. Supernatants collected at 72 h were analyzed by HPLC chromatography using Nickel column and imidazole gradient. HPLC fractions positive for the recombinant salivary protein with 6xHis motif at their C-terminus were tested with polyclonal sera of mice previously immunized with the corresponding original cDNA plasmids. Recombinant proteins were tested by SDS-PAGE and Western blotting, aliquoted in PBS and stored at -70° C.

The sub-unit vaccine comprising LJM17 is referred to herein as rLJM17. The vaccine is prepared by combining 100 µg of purified recombinant protein LJM17 with 300 µg of the adjuvant CpG #2142 in 20% Emulsigen® (MVP laboratories) (for CpG #2142, see SEQ. ID. NO: 890 in EP 1,221, 955).

The sub-unit vaccine comprising LJL143 is referred to herein as rLJL143. The vaccine is prepared by combining 100 µg of purified recombinant protein LJL143 with 300 µg of the adjuvant CpG #2142 in 20% Emulsigen®.

Example 14

Vaccination of Dogs Against Leishmaniasis

25 dogs (1-2 years old female beagles) were randomly divided into 5 groups of 5 dogs each. All dogs from groups 1 to 4 were vaccinated at D0 (V1) by the intradermal (ID) route into the ear pinna using a syringe and a needle with 500 µg of purified pNBO002 plasmid (example 9) expressing LJM17 (groups 1 and 2) or pNBO003 plasmid (example 10) expressing LJL143 (groups 3 and 4) antigens, respectively.

Dogs from group 1 and group 3 were boosted at D14 (V2) and D28 (V3) with 500 µg of the same plasmids used for V1 by the transdermal (TD) route in the inner upper part of both hind legs using the VetJet™ (Merial) needle-free delivery device. Dogs from group 1 and group 3 were further boosted at D42 (V4) with 500 µg of the same plasmids by the intramuscular route coupled to electroporation (ET/IM) in the external side of both thighs using the Sphergerin device and technology (parameters: 88V, T1=20, T2=80, N=10).

Dogs from groups 2 and 4 were boosted at D14 (V2) and D28 (V3) with 500 µg of the same plasmids used for V1 by the IM route coupled to electroporation (ET/IM) as described above. Dogs from groups 2 and 4 were further boosted at D42 (V4) by the ID route into the ear pinna as described above with sub-unit vaccines (see example 13) rLJM17 (group 2) or rLJL143 (group 4), respectively.

All dogs from groups 1 and 2 received a final vaccine booster at D192 (V5) by the IM route in the left quadriceps using 10⁸ pfu of a recombinant canarypox virus vCP2390 (example 11, having SEQ ID NO: 21 as insert) expressing LJM17. All dogs from groups 3 and 4 received a final vaccine booster at D192 (V5) by the IM route in the left quadriceps using 10⁸ pfu of a recombinant canarypox virus vCP2389 (example 12, having SEQ ID NO: 22 as insert) expressing LJL143.

Dogs from group 5 were vaccinated with 500 µg of the purified parental plasmid VR2001 which expresses no antigen at D0 by ID, D14 by TD, D28 by TD and D42 by ET/IM and received a final booster at D192 by the IM route using 10⁸ pfu of a control recombinant canarypox virus (Purevax™).

Specific and significant humoral immunity to both LJM17 and LJL143 was evidenced by ELISA in vaccinated dogs (see FIG. 7). 96-well plates (Maxisorp™, Nunc) were coated overnight at 4° C. with rLJM17 protein (2 µg/mL) or rLJL143 (2 µg/mL). Dog serum was successively added to the plates in triplicate at a dilution of 1/50 with alkaline phosphatase-conjugated AffiniPure rabbit anti-dog IgG (Jackson ImmunoResearch) at 1/5000 and p-nitrophenylphosphate (Sigma). Absorbance was measured at 405 nm using a Spectramax Plus (Molecular Devices).

Significant antibody titers persisted up to 6 months after V4 administration. The vCP booster (V5) recalled specific antibody responses in vaccinated dogs efficiently. Post vCP anamnestic responses established the expression of LJL143

and LJM17 from vCP2389 and vCP2390 respectively, and the ability of the vectors to boost humoral immune responses in vivo.

PBMC from dogs taken 2 weeks after the V5 administration were stimulated by 2 pairs of salivary gland homogenate (SGH), LJL143 (4 µg), and LJM17 (4 µg), or by ConA (4 µg). PBMCs that were non-stimulated by medium (med) served as controls. IFN-gamma production was evaluated by measuring the levels of IFN-gamma secretion in the medium at 72 hours (Quantikine ELISA; R&D Systems).

The results are illustrated in FIG. 8. Addition of purified recombinant LJM17 or LJL143 proteins caused PBMCs from LJM17- or LJL143-vaccinated dogs to increase secretion of IFN-gamma. No increased secretion of IFN-gamma was evidenced when PBMCs were in the presence of control medium (med).

The addition of ConA or SGH to PBMCs from LJM17- or LJL143-vaccinated dogs also caused an increased secretion of IFN-gamma. Notably, the LJM17 antigen caused very strong INF-gamma responses in animals of group 2 (1800 pg/mL), and also caused a strong response in animals of group 1 (200 pg/mL). The LJL143 antigen also caused very strong INF-gamma responses in animals of groups 3 and 4, with more than 2000 pg/mL, which were comparable to results seen when PBMCs were stimulated by ConA.

2 weeks after the V5 administration, PBMCs were isolated from two dogs that had been vaccinated with LJM17 and LJL143. Autologous T cells lymphocytes (5.10^6 cells) were stimulated with either 25 µg of recombinant LJM17, 25 µg of recombinant LJL143, or 4 µg of ConA. Cells were then incubated in the presence of macrophages infected by *Leishmania chagasi* amastigotes (infected at a 5:1 ratio). Lipopolysaccharides (LPS) and non-stimulated T cells (NT, no treatment) served as controls. Cells were evaluated for efficiency of killing which was measured by a significant reduction in the percent of infected macrophages (FIG. 9).

Lymphocytes stimulated with recombinant LJM17 or recombinant LJL143 were as cytotoxic to macrophages as lymphocytes that had been stimulated by the non-specific mitogen ConA.

LJL143- and LJM17-vaccinated and control dogs were fitted with a Velcro collar device. The Velcro collar device was prepared by disposing twenty uninfected 6 day old female *Lu. longipalpis* were in a 10 mm-thin Plexiglas device which contained a secured screw and a nylon mesh on one of its sides so that sand flies were able to probe through the mesh. The device was kept at 25° C. before exposure to limit condensation and was then firmly attached to a Velcro collar for 10 minutes on the shaved belly of LJL143- and LJM17-vaccinated and control dogs. Dogs were unrestrained throughout the time of exposure. 4 mm or 6 mm-skin punches biopsies (Acuderm) were taken from the belly of anesthetized dogs 48 hours after the sand fly bites.

Biopsies were stored in neutral-buffered formaldehyde (10% formalin) and were then routinely processed for staining with hematoxylin/eosin (H & E), Luna's, Toluidine blue and immunohistochemical procedures for CD3 and macrophage/monocyte markers (Mac). FIG. 10 provides the immunohistochemical results of sand fly bite sites. Specific immune cellular infiltration (darker spots on the pictures) is observed on vaccinated dogs whereas no infiltration was observed on control dogs.

Vaccination of Dogs with LJL143 and LJM17 Salivary Proteins Produce a Protective Immune Response that Killed *Leishmania Chagasi* Amastigotes In Vitro

In this study, *Lu. longipalpis* salivary proteins were tested to determine if they are immunogenic in dogs. In addition, *Lu. longipalpis* salivary proteins were identified that can produce a protective cellular immune response and kill *Leishmania infantum* in an in vitro assay.

To identify these salivary components, an in vivo high-throughput DNA-based reverse antigen-screening assay was developed. This screening identified two strong DTH-inducing antigens out of the 35 most abundant proteins in the salivary glands of *Lu. longipalpis*. These data were further validated with recombinant proteins, resulting in the confirmation of DTH-inducing potential for the *Lu. longipalpis* salivary proteins LJM17 (SEQ ID NO:5) and LJL143 (SEQ ID NO:1). Furthermore, peripheral blood mononuclear cells of dogs vaccinated with LJL143 and LJM17 produced interferon (IFN)-γ upon stimulation with the salivary recombinant proteins and, more importantly, stimulation of these cells with the recombinant proteins resulted in the killing of *Leishmania infantum* in vitro. These molecules represent therefore strong candidates to be used as a vaccine to control *Leishmania infantum* in dogs.

Material and Methods

Dogs:

1-2 year old female beagles (Marshall Farms) were housed at the animal facility of NIH, Bethesda, USA, following the Animal Care and User Committee guidelines. They were well-fed animals under constant scrutiny for health problems by a veterinarian and had all received routine vaccinations. No ectoparasitic treatments were administered during the last four months before sand fly exposure experiments.

Sand Flies:

Lutzomyia longipalpis, Jacobina strain, were reared using as larval food a mixture of fermented rabbit feces and rabbit food. Adult sand flies were offered a cotton swab containing 20% sucrose but were starved from sugar 24 hours before exposure experiments. Some females were used for dissection of salivary glands at 4-7 days following emergence and salivary gland homogenates (SGH) were prepared as described above.

Exposure to Sand Fly Bites:

Six day old female *Lu. longipalpis* were placed in a 10 mm-thin Plexiglas device. The device contained a secured screw and a nylon mesh on one of its sides for sand fly probing through it. The device was kept at 25° C. before exposure to limit condensation and was firmly attached with a Velcro collar on the shaved neck of dogs for 20 minutes. Dogs were unrestrained throughout the time of exposure.

Reverse Antigen-Screening (RAS):

Dogs pre-exposed to sand fly bites were anesthetized and injected intradermally with DNA plasmids or recombinant proteins. Injection sites were separated from each other by 15 mm. For DNA plasmids, the molecules were coded and randomly regrouped for each dog prior to injection on the belly. The code was broken only after induration and erythema measurements were completed. For DNA-RAS, 38 samples were injected in a total volume of 40 µL, including PBS, 1 pair of *Lu. longipalpis* SGH diluted in PBS, and 20 µg of control vector and the 35 recombinant DNA plasmids, diluted in PBS, encoding *Lu. longipalpis* individual salivary proteins.

For protein-RAS, 5 samples were injected in duplicates (40 μ L) including PBS, 1 pair of *Lu. longipalpis* SGH diluted in PBS, and 3 *Lu. longipalpis* salivary recombinant proteins (300 ng). Measure of induration and erythema diameters were performed 48 hours after intradermal injection of the samples.

Histology and Real-Time PCR on Skin Punch Biopsies:

4 mm or 6 mm-skin punches biopsies (Acuderm) were taken from the neck or belly of anesthetized dogs and split into two equal halves. One half was stored in neutral-buffered formaldehyde (10% formalin) then routinely processed for staining with hematoxylin/eosin, Luna's, Toluidine blue and immunohistochemical procedures for CD3 and macrophage/monocyte markers. The other half, stored in RNAlater (Sigma), was used for RNA extraction (Agencourt® RNAdvance™ Tissue, Beckman Coulter). RNA were reverse-transcribed (Transcriptor first strand cDNA synthesis, Roche) and used for Real-time PCR using the LightCycler 480 (Roche), primer set (0.2 μ M final concentration) and FAM/TAMRA dual-labeled probes to a total of 15 μ l per reaction in triplicates. Primers and probes for canine IL4, IL12, TGF- β , IFN- γ and GAPDH were described previously (Breathnach et al.). Amplification conditions, acquisition, melting curve analysis and standard curve were performed as described previously (Breathnach et al.). Expression levels of the interested gene were normalized to endogenous GAPDH levels to control for RNA quantity.

Recombinant cDNA:

From a cDNA library (see above), the 35 most abundant molecules from *Lu. longipalpis* salivary glands were selected and their cDNA cloned in the pVR2001-TOPO vector by standard cloning techniques. Plasmids were prepared using GenElute™ endotoxin-free Plasmid Megaprep (Sigma), cleaned with ultrapure water using Centricon® Plus-20 (Millipore) and eluted in PBS. Quality control of the 35 purified plasmids included endotoxin measurements, restriction profile analyses and sequencing. Purified salivary DNA plasmids were sterilely filtered and stored at -70° C.

Recombinant Proteins:

Expression plasmids containing His-tagged *Lu. longipalpis* salivary antigens encoding cDNA derived from the parental salivary DNA plasmids were constructed as described (Oliveira et al.) and transfected in HEK-293F cells. Supernatants collected at 72 h were submitted to HPLC chromatography using Nickel column and imidazole gradient. HPLC fractions positive for the recombinant salivary protein with 6x His motif at their C-terminus were tested with polyclonal sera of mice previously immunized with the corresponding original cDNA plasmids. Recombinant proteins were tested by SDS-PAGE and Western blotting, aliquoted in PBS and stored at -70° C.

Recombinant Canarypox Viruses:

Two canarypox viruses derived from ALVAC vectors expressing respectively the LJL143 (vCP2389) or LJM17 (vCP2390) antigens were generated using standard methods and validated by sequencing of viral DNA, RT-PCR on mRNA of infected cells and Western Blotting of supernatants of infected cells. Purevax™ ferret distemper vaccine (Merial) was used as control of canarypox virus injections.

Immunization of Dogs with Salivary Vaccines:

25 dogs were randomly divided in 5 groups of 5 dogs each. All dogs from groups 1 to 4 were vaccinated at D0 (V1) by the intradermal (ID) route into the ear pinna using a syringe and a needle with 500 μ g of purified plasmid expressing LJM17 (groups 1 and 2) or LJL143 (groups 3 and 4) antigens, respectively. Dogs from group 1 and group 3 were boosted at D14 (V2) and D28 (V3) with 500 μ g of the same plasmids used for

V1 by the transdermal (TD) route in the inner upper part of both hind legs using the VetJet™ (Merial) needle-free delivery device. Dogs from group 1 and group 3 were further boosted at D42 (V4) with 500 μ g of the same plasmids by the intramuscular (IM) route coupled to electroporation in the external side of both thighs using the Sphergerin device and technology (parameters: 88V, T1=20, T2=80, N=10). Dogs from groups 2 and 4 were boosted at D14 (V2) and D28 (V3) with 500 μ g of the same plasmids used for V1 by the IM route coupled to electroporation as described above. Dogs from groups 2 and 4 were further boosted at D42 (V4) with 100 μ g of aforementioned purified recombinant protein LJM17 (rLJM17) (group 2) or LJL143 (rLJL143) (group 4) in association with 300 μ g CpG ODN in 20% Emulsigen® (MVP laboratories) by the ID route into the ear pinna as described above. All dogs from groups 1 to 4 received a final vaccine booster at D192 (V5) by the IM route in the left quadriceps using 10^8 pfu of a recombinant canarypoxvirus vCP2390 and vCP2389 expressing respectively LJM17 (groups 1 and 2) or LJL143 (groups 3 and 4) antigens. Dogs from group 5 were vaccinated at D0, D14, D28 and D42 with 500 μ g of the purified parental plasmid VR2001 which expresses no antigen and received a final booster at D192 by the IM route using 10^8 pfu of a control recombinant canarypoxvirus (Purevax™).

ELISA:

96-well plates (Maxisorp™, Nunc) were coated overnight at 4° C. with *Lu. longipalpis* SGH (5 pairs/ml), rLJM17 protein (2 μ g/mL) or rLJL143 (2 μ g/mL). Dog serum in triplicate at 1/50 dilution, alkaline phosphatase-conjugated AffiniPure rabbit anti-dog IgG (Jackson ImmunoResearch) at 1/5000 and p-nitrophenylphosphate (Sigma) were successively added to the plates. 405 nm absorbance was measured using a Spectramax Plus (Molecular Devices). IFN- γ production in cell supernatants was measured after 72 h (Quantikine ELISA; R&D Systems) after stimulation with SGH (1 or 2 pairs), conA (4 μ g), rLJM17 (2 or 10 μ g) or rLJL143 (2 or 10 μ g).

Anti-Leishmanial Activity:

Canine monocyte-derived macrophages were prepared as using standard methods. Autologous T cells (5×10^6 cells) were taken from the culture after 1 week, stimulated with *Lu. longipalpis* SGH (2 pairs), conA (4 μ g), rLJM17 (25 μ g) or rLJL143 (25 μ g), and put back in presence of macrophages infected by *L. infantum* infected at a 5:1 ratio. Anti-leishmanial activity was assessed by changes in the percentages of infected cells and number of amastigotes per macrophage after microscopic examination of Giemsa-stained preparations.

Bites of *Lutzomyia Longipalpis* Sand Flies Induce a Strong Delayed Type Hypersensitivity Response in Dogs

In rodent models, cellular immunity characterized by a Th1 delayed type hypersensitivity (DTH) response to sand fly salivary proteins, protect animals from cutaneous and visceral leishmaniasis. There is no information pertaining to the presence and nature of cellular immunity to sand fly saliva in dogs, the main reservoirs of visceral leishmaniasis caused by *Leishmania infantum (chagasi)* in Europe and Latin America. Thus, the early kinetics of anti-saliva immunity in dogs following exposure to bites of *Lutzomyia longipalpis*, the vector of *Leishmania infantum chagasi* in Latin America, was investigated. Seven of nine beagles showed specific anti-saliva antibodies one week after the third exposure to bites (FIG. 19A). Apart from a single dog, these animals showed a strong IgG2 antibody response in the absence of IgG1 (FIG. 19A). One dog showed a mixed IgG2/IgG1 antibody response. To investigate whether dogs exposed to sand fly bites develop a

DTH response, the skin induration at the bite site up to 96 hours following each exposure was measured. Following the second exposure to sand fly bites, a small induration was observed in the 7 dogs that produced significant levels of *Lu. longipalpis* IgG antibodies (FIG. 19B). This was characterized by a localized erythema, swelling and eventually thickening of the skin. The intensity and duration of the observed induration was significantly increased following the third exposure lasting up to 96 hours following sand fly bites (FIG. 19B). This induration was not observed after the first exposure in naive animals (FIG. 19B). Histological analyses of the induration site show minimal inflammation characterized by scattered perivascular lymphocytes and rare neutrophils within the superficial dermis 48 hours following the first and second exposure (FIG. 19C). A dramatic increase in the cellular infiltrate was noted 48 hours following the third exposure. This was characterized by a prominent thickening of the epidermis and the presence of multifocal infiltrates of inflammatory cells consisting of lymphocytes, macrophages and eosinophils (FIG. 19D). Based on the timing of the reaction as well as the nature of the infiltrate, it was concluded that sand fly saliva induces a delayed-type hypersensitivity reaction in the skin of dogs after repeated exposures.

Lutzomyia longipalpis Salivary Proteins that Induce a DTH in Dogs

Salivary molecules of *Lu. longipalpis* which are responsible for the generation of a DTH response in dogs was

investigated. Transcripts coding for the 35 most abundant secreted proteins from the salivary glands of this species were identified above. Identifying candidates capable of inducing a cellular immune response from a large pool of antigens in large animals such as dogs is prohibitive in terms of cost and space. To overcome this obstacle, a reverse antigen screening approach was developed that consisted of exposing a minimal number of dogs (five) to sand fly bites and injecting each animal with up to 38 samples (35 DNA plasmids encoding for salivary proteins and three controls) (FIG. 20A). Out of the 35 injected DNA plasmids only 4 (LJM17, LJM11, LJL143 and LJL138) induced a significant erythema in more than 3 dogs, 48 hours after challenge (FIG. 20B) and only 2 DNA plasmids (LJL143 and LJM17) produced a strong induration in 3 dogs, 48 hours after challenge (FIG. 20B). The majority of the injected plasmids did not produce a significant erythema or induration (FIG. 20B) and the injection of PBS and empty vector control induced minimal erythema at the site of injection compared to LJM17 and LJL143 (FIG. 20C). The specificity and reactivity of injected DNA plasmids is shown in FIG. 20D. Based upon these results LJM17 and LJL143 were chosen for further analysis. LJL143 and LJM17 induced the production of cytokines indicative of a Th1 environment at the injection site, including IL-12 and IFN- γ (FIG. 20E). Histological sections taken 48 hours after challenge show that LJL143 and LJM17 recruit lymphocytes and macrophages at the site of injection indicative of a classical delayed type hypersensitivity (DTH) response (FIG. 20F). To validate the specificity of this approach soluble highly purified LJL143,

LJM17 and LJM111, among several other salivary recombinant proteins, was prepared (FIG. 21A). LJL143 and LJM17 recombinant proteins reproduced the DTH response observed upon injection of their respective DNA plasmids (FIGS. 21B and 21C) including the recruitment of lymphocytes and macrophages to the site of injection (FIG. 21D).

Dogs Immunized with LJL143 and LJM17 Produce IFN- γ Specific to Recombinant Salivary Proteins.

Dogs (5 per group) were immunized with DNA plasmids coding for LJL143, LJM17 or control DNA plasmid, a prime boost with the respective recombinant salivary proteins and a final immunization with canarypox virus expressing the respective salivary proteins (Table 1). PBMCs from immunized dogs were stimulated with up to 4 μ g of their respective recombinant protein, ConA and 1 pair of salivary gland homogenate (SGH). LJL143 vaccinated dogs produced significant levels of IFN- γ five weeks post-fourth vaccination and before canarypox injection (FIG. 22A). More importantly, the native LJL143 protein present in 1 pair of salivary gland homogenate was able to generate a similar response in LJL143 vaccinated dogs (FIG. 22A). LJM17 vaccinated dogs produced a considerable lower levels of IFN- γ compared to LJL143 vaccinated dogs (FIG. 22A). A similar profile was observed two weeks after canarypox vaccination, where PBMCs from dogs vaccinated with LJL143 produced two fold higher IFN- γ compared to their pre-pox status (FIG. 22B).

TABLE 1

Group	Antigen	D 0 (V1)	D 14 (V2)	D 28 (V3)	D 42 (V4)	D 192 (V5)
1	LJM17	ID-cDNA	TD-cDNA	TD-cDNA	IM/ET-cDNA	IM-vCP
2	LJM17	ID-cDNA	IM/ET-cDNA	IM/ET-cDNA	ID-protein	IM-vCP
3	LJL143	ID-cDNA	TD-cDNA	TD-cDNA	IM/ET-cDNA	IM-vCP
4	LJL143	ID-cDNA	IM/ET-cDNA	IM/ET-cDNA	ID-protein	IM-vCP
5	Control	ID-cDNA	TD-cDNA	TD-cDNA	IM/ET-cDNA	IM-vCP

Vaccination with LJL143 and LJM17 Generates a Protective Immune Response that Kills *Leishmania chagasi* Amastigotes In Vitro.

Infected macrophages from PBMCs of two dogs vaccinated with LJM17 and LJL143 efficiently killed *Leishmania chagasi* amastigotes following the addition of autologous lymphocytes stimulated with LJM17 and LJL143 recombinant proteins respectively (FIG. 23). The efficiency of killing was measured by a significant reduction in the percent of infected macrophages (FIG. 23A) as well as in the number of amastigotes per macrophages (FIG. 23B). This killing effect was comparable to that observed upon the addition of the non-specific mitogen ConA (FIG. 23).

Example 16

Production of an Immune Response in Dogs

Twelve dogs approximately three years old with natural immunity against Leishmaniasis are injected via an intradermal route (ID) in the back after shaving, with 100 μ g of each individual plasmid suspended in 100 μ l of PBS. Each plasmid is injected at a different point. The points are separated by at least 3 cm to avoid interference between DTH responses. The negative control (100 μ l of buffer) is also inoculated by ID route.

The DTH response is assessed 72 hours after injection by measuring the larger diameter of the skin tumefaction area.

The results are expressed as the mean value of the tumefaction area for all the dogs and as a percentage of dogs having a positive DTH response. A positive DTH is a tumefaction area diameter greater than or equal to 4 mm at 72 hours after injection.

In a second study, 10 naïve dogs 4 to 6 months old are immunized by ID injection in 10 points (100 µl per point) in the right ear with a pool of the plasmids encoding a *Lu. longipalpis* polypeptide, 100 µg for each one suspended in 1000 µl of PBS. On day 21, dogs are injected in 10 points (100 µl per point) in the left ear and in 10 points (100 µl per point) in the belly with a pool of the plasmids, 100 µg for each one suspended in 2000 µl of PBS. All dogs are challenged on day 35 by inoculation by ID route in the back (after shaving), with 100 µg of each individual plasmid suspended in 100 µl of PBS. Each plasmid is injected at a different point. The points are separated by at least 3 cm to avoid interference. As a negative control, 100 µl of buffer is inoculated intradermally. The DTH response is assessed 72 hours after challenge, by measuring the larger diameter of the skin tumefaction area. The results are expressed as the mean value of the tumefaction area for all the dogs and as a percentage of dogs having a positive DTH response. A positive DTH is a tumefaction area diameter higher or equal of 4 mm at 72 hours after injection.

The results of this study show that plasmids can induce a cellular immunity in dogs after injection, a cellular immunity revealed by a DTH response. The variation of the DTH response level can be by the variation of the expression of the insert.

It will be apparent that the precise details of the methods described may be varied or modified without departing from the spirit of the described disclosure. We claim all such modifications and variations that fall within the scope and spirit of the claims below.

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<400> SEQUENCE: 21

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<211> LENGTH: 271
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<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 23

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20          25          30
Gly Val Glu Arg Pro His Ile Gly Cys Lys Asn Ser Gly Asp Phe Ser

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<212> TYPE: DNA

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 Cys Val Lys Asn Gly Tyr Thr Met Val Ser Ile Lys Thr Phe Glu Glu
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 Arg Trp Val Ser Asp Gly Ser His Val Ala Thr Ala Ser Gly Tyr Thr
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 <212> TYPE: DNA
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<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

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 20          25          30
Arg Glu Lys Arg Gly Leu Lys Asp Ala Met Glu His Phe Lys Asn Gly
 35          40          45
Phe Lys Glu Leu Thr Lys Asp Phe Lys Leu Pro Ser Leu Pro Ser Leu
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Pro Gly Phe Gly Lys Lys Pro Glu Ser Gly Ser Ser Glu Asp Ser Gly
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Tyr Arg Ser Cys Gln Lys Asn Pro Glu Asp Lys Asp His Val Pro Gln
35          40          45
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Phe Lys Ile Asp Val Ile Thr Lys Gln Phe Asn Glu Arg Gly Leu Glu
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Ser Asn Leu Pro Asp Tyr Pro Glu Asp Lys Leu Glu Glu Cys Arg Asn
195         200         205
Glu Ala Lys Ser Ala Asn Glu Cys Lys Ser Ser Val Ile Tyr Gln Cys
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<210> SEQ ID NO 33

<211> LENGTH: 325

<212> TYPE: PRT

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 33

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Gly Val Ser Gln Ala Ala Pro Pro Gly Val Glu Trp Tyr His Phe Gly
 20          25          30
Leu Ile Ala Asp Met Asp Lys Lys Ser Ile Ala Ser Asp Lys Thr Thr
 35          40          45
Phe Asn Ser Val Leu Lys Ile Asp Glu Leu Arg His Asn Thr Lys Thr
 50          55          60
Asp Gln Tyr Ile Tyr Val Arg Ser Arg Val Lys Lys Pro Val Ser Thr
 65          70          75          80
Arg Tyr Gly Phe Lys Gly Arg Gly Ala Glu Leu Ser Glu Ile Val Val
 85          90          95
Phe Asn Asn Lys Leu Tyr Thr Val Asp Asp Lys Ser Gly Ile Thr Phe
100         105         110
Arg Ile Thr Lys Asp Gly Lys Leu Phe Pro Trp Val Ile Leu Ala Asp
115         120         125
Ala Asp Gly Gln Arg Pro Asp Gly Phe Lys Gly Glu Trp Ala Thr Ile
130         135         140
Lys Asp Asp Thr Ile Tyr Val Gly Ser Thr Gly Met Leu Lys Phe Thr
145         150         155         160
Ser Ser Leu Trp Val Lys Lys Ile Thr Lys Asp Gly Val Val Thr Ser
165         170         175
His Asp Trp Thr Asp Lys Tyr Arg Lys Ile Leu Lys Ala Leu Asn Met
180         185         190
Pro Asn Gly Phe Val Trp His Glu Ala Val Thr Trp Ser Pro Phe Arg
195         200         205
Lys Gln Trp Val Phe Met Pro Arg Lys Cys Ser Arg His Pro Phe Ser
210         215         220
Gln Glu Leu Glu Glu Arg Thr Gly Cys Asn Lys Ile Val Thr Ala Asp
225         230         235         240
Glu Asn Phe Asn Asp Ile Gln Val Ile His Ile Gln Asp Gln Pro Tyr
245         250         255

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Asn Leu Ala Ser Gly Phe Ser Ser Phe Arg Phe Ile Pro Gly Thr Lys
 260 265 270

Asn Glu Arg Leu Leu Ala Leu Arg Thr Val Glu Gln Glu Asp Gln Val
 275 280 285

Lys Thr Trp Ala Val Val Met Asp Met Lys Gly Thr Val Leu Met Tyr
 290 295 300

Glu Lys Glu Leu Tyr Asp Glu Lys Phe Glu Gly Leu Ala Phe Phe Gly
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Gly Ile Lys Lys Asn
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<210> SEQ ID NO 34
 <211> LENGTH: 1071
 <212> TYPE: DNA
 <213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 34

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<210> SEQ ID NO 35
 <211> LENGTH: 160
 <212> TYPE: PRT
 <213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 35

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Ser Thr Ala Leu Gln Val Thr Glu Lys Glu Leu Ser Asp Gly Lys Lys
 20 25 30

Ile Phe Ile Ser Lys Val Glu Leu Asn Trp Phe Glu Ala Leu Asp Phe
 35 40 45

Cys Ile His Arg Gly Leu Thr Leu Leu Ser Ile Lys Ser Ala Lys Glu
 50 55 60

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Asn Val Asp Val Thr Lys Ala Ile Arg Ala Glu Leu Asn Phe Asp Ser
65 70 75 80

Lys Lys Leu Ala His Val Trp Thr Gly Gly Ile Arg His Ser Gln Asp
85 90 95

Lys Tyr Phe Arg Trp Ile Asn Asp Gly Thr Lys Val Val Lys Arg Val
100 105 110

Tyr Thr Asn Trp Phe Thr Gly Glu Pro Asn Asn Gly Tyr Trp Lys Asp
115 120 125

Glu Phe Cys Leu Glu Ile Tyr Tyr Lys Thr Glu Glu Gly Lys Trp Asn
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Asp Asp Lys Cys His Val Lys His His Phe Val Cys Gln Glu Lys Lys
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<210> SEQ ID NO 36
 <211> LENGTH: 648
 <212> TYPE: DNA
 <213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 36

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tctaagctgc ttcgcaatga gcacggcact acaagttact gagaaggaac tttctgatgg      180
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<210> SEQ ID NO 37
 <211> LENGTH: 161
 <212> TYPE: PRT
 <213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 37

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1 5 10 15

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20 25 30

Thr Val Tyr Ile Ser Lys Ile Lys Leu Asn Trp Asn Asp Ala Phe Asp
35 40 45

Tyr Cys Ile Arg Asn Gly Leu Thr Phe Ala Lys Ile Lys Ser Ala Glu
50 55 60

Glu Asn Thr Glu Leu Ser Glu Lys Leu Lys Thr Val Ile Arg Thr Glu
65 70 75 80

Glu Phe Gln Val Trp Ile Gly Gly Ile Glu His His Gln Asp Ser Ser
85 90 95

Phe Arg Trp Val Ser Asp Ser Gln Pro Ile Thr Asn Lys Leu Gly Tyr
100 105 110

Lys Tyr Thr Asn Trp Asn Thr Gly Glu Pro Thr Asn Tyr Gln Asn Asn
115 120 125

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Glu Tyr Cys Leu Glu Ile Leu Phe Arg Lys Glu Asp Gly Lys Trp Asn
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Lys

<210> SEQ ID NO 38
 <211> LENGTH: 586
 <212> TYPE: DNA
 <213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 38

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<210> SEQ ID NO 39
 <211> LENGTH: 105
 <212> TYPE: PRT
 <213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 39

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 1 5 10 15

Cys Ala Glu Ala Lys Pro Tyr Asp Phe Pro Leu Tyr Gln Asp Leu Ile
 20 25 30

Gln Gly Val Ile Gln Arg Glu Ser Gln Ala Glu Arg Glu Lys Arg Ser
 35 40 45

Pro Asn Glu Asp Tyr Glu Lys Gln Phe Gly Asp Ile Val Asp Gln Ile
 50 55 60

Lys Glu Ile Ser Phe Asn Val Met Lys Met Pro His Phe Gly Ser Ser
 65 70 75 80

Asp Asp Asn Arg Asp Asp Gly Glu Tyr Val Asp His His Tyr Gly Asp
 85 90 95

Glu Asp Asp Arg Asp Tyr Asp His Tyr
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<210> SEQ ID NO 40
 <211> LENGTH: 457
 <212> TYPE: DNA
 <213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 40

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<210> SEQ ID NO 41
<211> LENGTH: 157
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 41

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Cys Asn Ala Glu Asp Tyr Asp Lys Val Lys Leu Thr Gly Arg Thr Val
           20           25           30
Tyr Ile Ser Arg Ser Lys Ala Pro Trp Phe Thr Ala Leu Asp Asn Cys
           35           40           45
Asn Arg Arg Phe Thr Phe Ala Met Ile Lys Ser Gln Lys Glu Asn Glu
           50           55           60
Glu Leu Thr Asn Ala Leu Leu Ser Val Ile Lys Ser Asp Glu Glu Asn
 65           70           75           80
Val Trp Ile Gly Gly Leu Arg His Asp Leu Asp Asp Tyr Phe Arg Trp
           85           90           95
Ile Ser Phe Gly Thr Ala Leu Ser Lys Thr Ser Tyr Thr Asn Trp Ala
           100          105          110
Pro Lys Glu Pro Thr Gly Arg Pro His Arg Thr Gln Asn Asp Glu Phe
           115          120          125
Cys Met Gln Met Ser Phe Lys Asp Gly Gly Lys Trp Ser Asp Asn Thr
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 145          150          155

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<210> SEQ ID NO 42
<211> LENGTH: 596
<212> TYPE: DNA
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 42

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<210> SEQ ID NO 43

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<211> LENGTH: 295

<212> TYPE: PRT

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 43

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 1 5 10 15
 Cys Ala Asn Glu Ile Pro Ile Asn Arg Gln Gly Lys Asp Tyr Pro Val
 20 25 30
 Pro Ile Ile Asp Pro Asn Lys Ser Ser Ser Asp Asp Tyr Phe Asp Asp
 35 40 45
 Arg Phe Tyr Pro Asp Ile Asp Asp Glu Gly Ile Ala Glu Ala Pro Lys
 50 55 60
 Asp Asn Arg Gly Lys Ser Arg Gly Gly Gly Ala Ala Gly Ala Arg Glu
 65 70 75 80
 Gly Arg Leu Gly Thr Asn Gly Ala Lys Pro Gly Gln Gly Gly Thr Arg
 85 90 95
 Pro Gly Gln Gly Gly Thr Arg Pro Gly Gln Gly Gly Thr Arg Pro Gly
 100 105 110
 Gln Gly Gly Thr Arg Pro Gly Gln Gly Gly Thr Arg Pro Gly Gln Gly
 115 120 125
 Arg Thr Lys Pro Ala Gln Gly Thr Thr Arg Pro Ala Gln Gly Thr Arg
 130 135 140
 Asn Pro Gly Ser Val Gly Thr Lys Glu Ala Gln Asp Ala Ser Lys Gln
 145 150 155 160
 Gly Gln Gly Lys Arg Arg Pro Gly Gln Val Gly Gly Lys Arg Pro Gly
 165 170 175
 Gln Ala Asn Ala Pro Asn Ala Gly Thr Arg Lys Gln Gln Lys Gly Ser
 180 185 190
 Arg Gly Val Gly Arg Pro Asp Leu Ser Arg Tyr Lys Asp Ala Pro Ala
 195 200 205
 Lys Phe Val Phe Lys Ser Pro Asp Phe Ser Gly Glu Gly Lys Thr Pro
 210 215 220
 Thr Val Asn Tyr Phe Arg Thr Lys Lys Lys Glu His Ile Val Thr Arg
 225 230 235 240
 Gly Ser Pro Asn Asp Glu Phe Val Leu Glu Ile Leu Asp Gly Asp Pro
 245 250 255
 Thr Gly Leu Gly Leu Lys Ser Glu Thr Ile Gly Lys Asp Thr Arg Leu
 260 265 270
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<210> SEQ ID NO 44

<211> LENGTH: 989

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 44

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 cagttccgat cattgatcca aataaatcat ctccggatga ttatttcgat gatcgttctc 180
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<210> SEQ ID NO 45

<211> LENGTH: 148

<212> TYPE: PRT

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 45

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 1           5           10          15
Leu Leu Val Lys Arg Ser Gln Ala Phe Leu Pro Ser Asp Pro Ser Ile
          20          25          30
Cys Val Lys Asn Leu Val Leu Asp Thr Gly Arg Thr Cys Glu Glu Ser
          35          40          45
Glu Tyr Phe Pro Asp Ile Lys Asn Val Lys Asn Gly Lys Arg Val Tyr
          50          55          60
Ile Val Cys Thr Asp Ser Asp Ala Val Asp Tyr Lys Phe Tyr Ile Cys
          65          70          75          80
Phe Asp Met Asn Arg Leu Ser Gly Pro Pro Tyr Pro Glu Glu Glu Ile
          85          90          95
Leu Arg Glu Ser Thr Val Thr Tyr Ala Gln Ile Tyr Glu Leu Met Thr
          100         105         110
Thr Glu Thr Thr Glu Thr Lys Lys Pro Lys Lys Lys Pro Lys Asn Ser
          115         120         125
Lys Thr Asp Asp Pro Pro Ala Ile Arg Pro Gly Phe Ser Phe Arg Asn
          130         135         140
Ser Ile Ser Val
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<210> SEQ ID NO 46

<211> LENGTH: 826

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 46

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<210> SEQ ID NO 47

<211> LENGTH: 397

<212> TYPE: PRT

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 47

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Phe Gly Val Glu Ile Lys Gln Gly Phe Lys Trp Asn Lys Ile Leu Tyr
20           25           30
Glu Gly Asp Thr Ser Glu Asn Phe Asn Pro Asp Asn Asn Ile Leu Thr
35           40           45
Ala Phe Ala Tyr Asp Pro Glu Ser Gln Lys Leu Phe Leu Thr Val Pro
50           55           60
Arg Lys Tyr Pro Glu Thr Met Tyr Thr Leu Ala Glu Val Asp Thr Glu
65           70           75           80
Lys Asn Ser Phe Glu Ser Gly Asp Thr Ser Pro Leu Leu Gly Lys Phe
85           90           95
Ser Gly His Glu Thr Gly Lys Glu Leu Thr Ser Val Tyr Gln Pro Val
100          105          110
Ile Asp Glu Cys His Arg Leu Trp Val Val Asp Val Gly Ser Val Glu
115          120          125
Arg Asn Ser Asp Gly Thr Glu Gly Gln Pro Glu His Asn Pro Thr Leu
130          135          140
Val Ala Tyr Asp Leu Lys Glu Ala Asn Tyr Pro Glu Val Ile Arg Tyr
145          150          155          160
Thr Phe Pro Asp Asn Ser Ile Glu Lys Pro Thr Phe Leu Gly Gly Phe
165          170          175
Ala Val Asp Val Val Lys Pro Asp Glu Cys Ser Glu Thr Phe Val Tyr
180          185          190
Ile Thr Asn Phe Leu Thr Asn Ala Leu Ile Val Tyr Asp His Lys Asn
195          200          205
Lys Asp Ser Trp Thr Val Gln Asp Ser Thr Phe Gly Pro Asp Lys Lys
210          215          220
Ser Lys Phe Asp His Asp Gly Gln Gln Tyr Glu Tyr Glu Ala Gly Ile
225          230          235          240
Phe Gly Ile Thr Leu Gly Glu Arg Asp Asn Glu Gly Asn Arg Gln Ala
245          250          255
Tyr Tyr Leu Val Ala Ser Ser Thr Lys Leu His Ser Ile Asn Thr Lys
260          265          270

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Glu Leu Lys Gln Lys Gly Ser Lys Val Asn Ala Asn Tyr Leu Gly Asp
 275 280 285
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 340 345 350
 Asn Leu Trp Phe Leu Ala Asn Gly Leu Pro Pro Leu Glu Asn Ser Asp
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<210> SEQ ID NO 48

<211> LENGTH: 1325

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 48

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<210> SEQ ID NO 49
<211> LENGTH: 350
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 49
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Thr Ala Ser Ala Leu Gly Leu Pro Glu Gln Phe Lys Gly Leu Glu Asp
20          25          30
Leu Pro Lys Lys Pro Leu Ala Glu Thr Tyr Tyr His Glu Gly Leu Asn
35          40          45
Asp Gly Lys Thr Asp Glu Met Val Asp Ile Phe Lys Ser Leu Ser Asp
50          55          60
Glu Phe Lys Phe Ser Asp Glu Asn Leu Asp Val Gly Glu Glu Lys Asn
65          70          75          80
Tyr Lys Lys Arg Asp Ile Thr Gln Asn Ser Val Ala Arg Asn Phe Leu
85          90          95
Ser Asn Val Lys Gly Ile Pro Ser Met Pro Ser Leu Pro Ser Met Pro
100         105        110
Ser Met Pro Ser Ile Pro Ser Leu Trp Ser Ser Gln Thr Gln Ala Ala
115        120        125
Pro Asn Thr Ala Leu Ala Leu Pro Glu Ser Asp Tyr Ser Leu Leu Asp
130        135        140
Met Pro Asn Ile Val Lys Asn Phe Leu Lys Glu Thr Arg Asp Leu Tyr
145        150        155        160
Asn Asp Val Gly Ala Phe Leu Lys Ala Ile Thr Glu Ala Leu Thr Asn
165        170        175
Arg Ser Ser Ser Ser Gln Leu Leu Ser Ser Pro Met Val Ser Thr Asn
180        185        190
Lys Thr Lys Glu Phe Ile Arg Asn Glu Ile Gln Lys Val Arg Lys Val
195        200        205
Arg Asn Phe Val Gln Glu Thr Leu Gln Lys Ile Arg Asp Ile Ser Ala
210        215        220
Ala Ile Ala Lys Lys Val Lys Ser Ser Glu Cys Leu Ser Asn Leu Thr
225        230        235        240
Asp Ile Lys Gly Leu Val Ser Asp Gly Ile Asn Cys Leu Lys Glu Lys
245        250        255
Phe Asn Asp Gly Lys Arg Ile Ile Leu Gln Leu Tyr Asn Asn Leu Leu
260        265        270
Lys Gly Leu Lys Ile Pro Asn Asp Leu Met Val Glu Leu Lys Lys Cys
275        280        285
Asp Thr Asn Gln Asn Asn Thr Leu Gly Arg Ile Ile Cys Tyr Phe Leu
290        295        300
Thr Pro Leu Gln Leu Glu Lys Glu Gln Ile Leu Leu Pro Val Glu Phe
305        310        315        320
Ile Lys Arg Ile Leu Glu Leu Thr His Tyr Phe Ser Thr Met Lys Glu
325        330        335
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<210> SEQ ID NO 50
<211> LENGTH: 1275
<212> TYPE: DNA
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 50

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<210> SEQ ID NO 51

<211> LENGTH: 60

<212> TYPE: PRT

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 51

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Met Leu Lys Ile Val Leu Phe Leu Ser Val Leu Ala Val Leu Val Ile
 1           5           10          15
Cys Val Ala Ala Met Pro Gly Ser Asn Val Pro Trp His Ile Ser Arg
          20          25          30
Glu Glu Leu Glu Lys Leu Arg Glu Ala Arg Lys Asn His Lys Ala Leu
          35          40          45
Glu Lys Ala Ile Asp Glu Leu Ile Asp Lys Tyr Leu
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<210> SEQ ID NO 52

<211> LENGTH: 413

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 52

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cagtctgata tttttttaat ttgaaaaaaa tattgaaaaa ttttaactatt tgtgaaattt 360
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<210> SEQ ID NO 53
<211> LENGTH: 120
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 53

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1           5           10          15
Phe Tyr Arg Val Glu Gly Ser Ser Gln Cys Glu Glu Asp Leu Lys Glu
20          25          30
Glu Ala Glu Ala Phe Phe Lys Asp Cys Asn Glu Ala Lys Ala Asn Pro
35          40          45
Gly Glu Tyr Glu Asn Leu Thr Lys Glu Glu Met Phe Glu Glu Leu Lys
50          55          60
Glu Tyr Gly Val Ala Asp Thr Asp Met Glu Thr Val Tyr Lys Leu Val
65          70          75          80
Glu Glu Cys Trp Asn Glu Leu Thr Thr Thr Asp Cys Lys Arg Phe Leu
85          90          95
Glu Glu Ala Glu Cys Phe Lys Lys Lys Asn Ile Cys Lys Tyr Phe Pro
100         105         110
Asp Glu Val Lys Leu Lys Lys Lys
115         120

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<210> SEQ ID NO 54
<211> LENGTH: 428
<212> TYPE: DNA
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 54

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<210> SEQ ID NO 55
<211> LENGTH: 572
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 55

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1           5           10          15
Ala Leu Leu Thr Ala Ser Ala Ala Ala Glu Asp Gly Ser Tyr Glu Ile
20          25          30

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Ile Ile Leu His Thr Asn Asp Met His Ala Arg Phe Asp Gln Thr Asn
 35 40 45
 Ala Gly Ser Asn Lys Cys Gln Glu Lys Asp Lys Ile Ala Ser Lys Cys
 50 55 60
 Tyr Gly Gly Phe Ala Arg Val Ser Thr Met Val Lys Lys Phe Arg Glu
 65 70 75 80
 Glu Asn Gly Ser Ser Val Leu Phe Leu Asn Ala Gly Asp Thr Tyr Thr
 85 90 95
 Gly Thr Pro Trp Phe Thr Leu Tyr Lys Glu Thr Ile Ala Thr Glu Met
 100 105 110
 Met Asn Ile Leu Arg Pro Asp Ala Ala Ser Leu Gly Asn His Glu Phe
 115 120 125
 Asp Lys Gly Val Glu Gly Leu Val Pro Phe Leu Asn Gly Val Thr Phe
 130 135 140
 Pro Ile Leu Thr Ala Asn Leu Asp Thr Ser Gln Glu Pro Thr Met Thr
 145 150 155 160
 Asn Ala Lys Asn Leu Lys Arg Ser Met Ile Phe Thr Val Ser Gly His
 165 170 175
 Arg Val Gly Val Ile Gly Tyr Leu Thr Pro Asp Thr Lys Phe Leu Ser
 180 185 190
 Asp Val Gly Lys Val Asn Phe Ile Pro Glu Val Glu Ala Ile Asn Thr
 195 200 205
 Glu Ala Gln Arg Leu Lys Lys Glu Glu Asn Ala Glu Ile Ile Ile Val
 210 215 220
 Val Gly His Ser Gly Leu Ile Lys Asp Arg Glu Ile Ala Glu Lys Cys
 225 230 235 240
 Pro Leu Val Asp Ile Ile Val Gly Gly His Ser His Thr Phe Leu Tyr
 245 250 255
 Thr Gly Ser Gln Pro Asp Arg Glu Val Pro Val Asp Val Tyr Pro Val
 260 265 270
 Val Val Thr Gln Ser Ser Gly Lys Lys Val Pro Ile Val Gln Ala Tyr
 275 280 285
 Cys Phe Thr Lys Tyr Leu Gly Tyr Phe Lys Val Thr Ile Asn Gly Lys
 290 295 300
 Gly Asn Val Val Gly Trp Thr Gly Gln Pro Ile Leu Leu Asn Asn Asn
 305 310 315 320
 Ile Pro Gln Asp Gln Glu Val Leu Thr Ala Leu Glu Lys Tyr Arg Glu
 325 330 335
 Arg Val Glu Asn Tyr Gly Asn Arg Val Ile Gly Val Ser Arg Val Ile
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 355 360 365
 Asn Leu Ile Thr Asp Ala Phe Val Tyr Ala Asn Val Ile Ser Thr Pro
 370 375 380
 Met Ser Thr Asn Ala Trp Thr Asp Ala Ser Val Val Leu Tyr Gln Ser
 385 390 395 400
 Gly Gly Ile Arg Ala Pro Ile Asp Pro Arg Thr Ala Ala Gly Ser Ile
 405 410 415
 Thr Arg Leu Glu Leu Asp Asn Val Leu Pro Phe Gly Asn Ala Leu Tyr
 420 425 430
 Val Val Lys Val Pro Gly Asn Val Leu Arg Lys Ala Leu Glu His Ser
 435 440 445

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Val His Arg Tyr Ser Asn Thr Ser Gly Trp Gly Glu Phe Pro Gln Val
 450 455 460

Ser Gly Leu Lys Ile Arg Phe Asn Val Asn Glu Glu Ile Gly Lys Arg
 465 470 475 480

Val Lys Ser Val Lys Val Leu Cys Ser Asn Cys Ser Gln Pro Glu Tyr
 485 490 495

Gln Pro Leu Arg Asn Lys Lys Thr Tyr Asn Val Ile Met Asp Ser Phe
 500 505 510

Met Lys Asp Gly Gly Asp Gly Tyr Ser Met Phe Lys Pro Leu Lys Ile
 515 520 525

Ile Lys Thr Leu Pro Leu Gly Asp Ile Glu Thr Val Glu Ala Tyr Ile
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Glu Lys Met Gly Pro Ile Phe Pro Ala Val Glu Gly Arg Ile Thr Val
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<210> SEQ ID NO 56

<211> LENGTH: 1839

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 56

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<210> SEQ ID NO 57
<211> LENGTH: 86
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 57

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Ala Phe Asn Val Ala Glu Gly Cys Asp Ala Thr Cys Gln Phe Arg Lys
20          25          30
Ala Ile Glu Asp Cys Lys Lys Lys Ala Asp Asn Ser Asp Val Leu Gln
35          40          45
Thr Ser Val Gln Thr Thr Ala Thr Phe Thr Ser Met Asp Thr Ser Gln
50          55          60
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65          70          75          80
Glu Phe Arg Ala Gly Lys
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<210> SEQ ID NO 58
<211> LENGTH: 419
<212> TYPE: DNA
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 58

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<210> SEQ ID NO 59
<211> LENGTH: 84
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 59

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Met Asn Val Leu Phe Val Ser Phe Thr Leu Thr Ile Leu Leu Leu Cys
1           5           10          15
Val Lys Ala Arg Pro Glu Asp Phe Val Ala Leu Gln Asp Gln Ala Asn
20          25          30
Phe Gln Lys Cys Leu Glu Gln Tyr Pro Glu Pro Asn Gln Ser Gly Glu
35          40          45

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Val Leu Ala Cys Leu Lys Lys Arg Glu Gly Ala Lys Asp Phe Arg Glu
50 55 60

Lys Arg Ser Leu Asp Asp Ile Glu Gly Thr Phe Gln Glu Ser Gly Asn
65 70 75 80

Leu Trp Gly Ala

<210> SEQ ID NO 60
<211> LENGTH: 429
<212> TYPE: DNA
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 60

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<210> SEQ ID NO 61
<211> LENGTH: 626
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 61

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Ser Ser Ala Val Leu Lys Lys Asn Gly Glu Thr Ile Glu Glu Glu Glu
20 25 30

Val Arg Ala Glu Gln Arg Leu Arg Glu Ile Asn Glu Glu Leu Asp Arg
35 40 45

Arg Lys Asn Ile Asn Thr Val Ala Ala Trp Ala Tyr Ala Ser Asn Ile
50 55 60

Thr Glu Val Asn Leu Lys Asn Met Asn Asp Val Ser Val Glu Thr Ala
65 70 75 80

Lys Tyr Tyr Lys Glu Leu Ala Ser Glu Leu Lys Gly Phe Asn Ala Lys
85 90 95

Glu Tyr Lys Ser Glu Asp Leu Lys Arg Gln Ile Lys Lys Leu Ser Lys
100 105 110

Leu Gly Tyr Ser Ala Leu Pro Ser Glu Lys Tyr Lys Glu Leu Leu Glu
115 120 125

Ala Ile Thr Trp Met Glu Ser Asn Tyr Ala Lys Val Lys Val Cys Ser
130 135 140

Tyr Lys Asp Pro Lys Lys Cys Asp Leu Ala Leu Glu Pro Glu Ile Thr
145 150 155 160

Glu Ile Leu Ile Lys Ser Arg Asp Pro Glu Glu Leu Lys Tyr Tyr Trp
165 170 175

Lys Gln Trp Tyr Asp Lys Ala Gly Thr Pro Thr Arg Glu Ser Phe Asn
180 185 190

Lys Tyr Val Gln Leu Asn Arg Glu Ala Ala Lys Leu Asp Gly Phe Tyr
195 200 205

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Ser Gly Ala Glu Ser Trp Leu Asp Glu Tyr Glu Asp Glu Thr Phe Glu
 210 215 220
 Lys Gln Leu Glu Asp Ile Phe Ala Gln Ile Arg Pro Leu Tyr Glu Gln
 225 230 235 240
 Leu His Ala Tyr Val Arg Phe Lys Leu Arg Glu Lys Tyr Gly Asn Asp
 245 250 255
 Val Val Ser Glu Lys Gly Pro Ile Pro Met His Leu Leu Gly Asn Met
 260 265 270
 Trp Gly Gln Thr Trp Ser Glu Val Ala Pro Ile Leu Val Pro Tyr Pro
 275 280 285
 Glu Lys Lys Leu Leu Asp Val Thr Asp Glu Met Val Lys Gln Gly Tyr
 290 295 300
 Thr Pro Ile Ser Met Phe Glu Lys Gly Asp Glu Phe Phe Gln Ser Leu
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 Lys Pro Gln Asp Gly Arg Glu Leu Ile Cys His Ala Ser Ala Trp Asp
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 Phe Tyr Thr Lys Asp Asp Val Arg Lys Gln Cys Thr Arg Val Thr Met
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 Asp Gln Phe Phe Thr Ala His His Glu Leu Gly His Ile Gln Tyr Tyr
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 Leu Gln Tyr Gln His Leu Pro Ser Val Tyr Arg Glu Gly Ala Asn Pro
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 Gly Phe His Glu Ala Val Gly Asp Val Leu Ser Leu Ser Val Ser Ser
 405 410 415
 Pro Lys His Leu Glu Lys Val Gly Leu Leu Lys Asp Phe Lys Phe Asp
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 Glu Glu Ser Gln Ile Asn Gln Leu Leu Asn Leu Ala Leu Asp Lys Met
 435 440 445
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 450 455 460
 Phe Arg Gly Glu Ile Ser Pro Ser Glu Tyr Asn Cys Lys Phe Trp Glu
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 Met Arg Ser Tyr Tyr Gly Gly Ile Glu Pro Pro Ile Ala Arg Ser Glu
 485 490 495
 Ser Asp Phe Asp Pro Pro Ala Lys Tyr His Ile Ser Ser Asp Val Glu
 500 505 510
 Tyr Leu Arg Tyr Leu Val Ser Phe Ile Ile Gln Phe Gln Phe His Gln
 515 520 525
 Ala Val Cys Gln Lys Thr Gly Gln Phe Val Pro Asn Asp Pro Glu Lys
 530 535 540
 Thr Leu Leu Asn Cys Asp Ile Tyr Gln Ser Ala Glu Ala Gly Asn Ala
 545 550 555 560
 Phe Lys Glu Met Leu Lys Leu Gly Ser Ser Lys Pro Trp Pro Asp Ala
 565 570 575
 Met Glu Ile Leu Thr Gly Gln Arg Lys Met Asp Ala Ser Ala Leu Ile
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 Glu Tyr Phe Arg Pro Leu Ser Glu Trp Leu Gln Lys Lys Asn Lys Glu
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 610 615 620

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Val Ser
625

<210> SEQ ID NO 62
 <211> LENGTH: 2121
 <212> TYPE: DNA
 <213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 62

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<210> SEQ ID NO 63
<211> LENGTH: 42
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 63

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1           5           10          15

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Cys Ile Asp Gly Ala Pro Thr Phe Val Asn Leu Leu Asp Asp Val Gln
          20          25          30

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<210> SEQ ID NO 64
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<210> SEQ ID NO 65
<211> LENGTH: 139
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 65

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1           5           10          15

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Gln Ser Leu Ala Glu His Pro Glu Glu Lys Cys Ile Arg Glu Leu Ala
          20          25          30

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Arg Thr Asp Glu Asn Cys Ile Leu His Cys Thr Tyr Ser Tyr Tyr Gly
          35          40          45

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Phe Val Asp Lys Asn Phe Arg Ile Ala Lys Lys His Val Gln Lys Phe
          50          55          60

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Lys Lys Ile Leu Val Thr Phe Gly Ala Val Pro Lys Lys Glu Lys Lys
          65          70          75          80

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Lys Leu Leu Glu His Ile Glu Ala Cys Ala Asp Ser Ala Asn Ala Asp
          85          90          95

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Gln Pro Gln Thr Lys Asp Glu Lys Cys Thr Lys Ile Asn Lys Tyr Tyr
          100          105          110

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Arg Cys Val Val Asp Gly Lys Ile Leu Pro Trp Asn Ser Tyr Ala Asp
          115          120          125

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<210> SEQ ID NO 66
 <211> LENGTH: 579
 <212> TYPE: DNA
 <213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 66

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<210> SEQ ID NO 67
 <211> LENGTH: 446
 <212> TYPE: PRT
 <213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 67

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          20           25           30
Arg His Ala Thr Pro Lys Ala Gln Asp Ala Arg Val Gly Ser Glu Ser
          35           40           45
Ala Thr Thr Ala Pro Arg Pro Ser Glu Ser Met Asp Tyr Trp Glu Asn
          50           55           60
Asp Asp Phe Val Pro Phe Glu Gly Pro Phe Lys Asp Ile Gly Glu Phe
 65           70           75           80
Asp Trp Asn Leu Ser Lys Ile Val Phe Glu Glu Asn Lys Gly Asn Ala
          85           90           95
Ile Leu Ser Pro Leu Ser Val Lys Leu Leu Met Ser Leu Leu Phe Glu
          100          105          110
Ala Ser Ala Ser Gly Thr Leu Thr Gln His Gln Leu Arg Gln Ala Thr
          115          120          125
Pro Thr Ile Val Thr His Tyr Gln Ser Arg Glu Phe Tyr Lys Asn Ile
          130          135          140
Phe Asp Gly Leu Lys Lys Lys Ser Asn Asp Tyr Thr Val His Phe Gly
 145          150          155          160
Thr Arg Ile Tyr Val Asp Gln Phe Val Thr Pro Arg Gln Arg Tyr Ala
          165          170          175
Ala Ile Leu Glu Lys His Tyr Leu Thr Asp Leu Lys Val Glu Asp Phe
          180          185          190
Ser Lys Ala Lys Glu Thr Thr Gln Ala Ile Asn Ser Trp Val Ser Asn
          195          200          205
Ile Thr Asn Glu His Ile Lys Asp Leu Val Lys Glu Glu Asp Val Gln
 210          215          220
  
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 Arg Lys Pro Phe Asn Arg Thr Leu Pro Leu Pro Phe His Val Ser Ala
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 Phe Tyr Glu Ala Lys Glu Leu Asp Ala Lys Ile Leu Arg Ile Pro Tyr
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 Gly Ile Asp Ser Phe Val Arg Gln Ile Asn Thr Val Leu Leu His Arg
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 Ile Lys Trp Leu Met Asp Glu Val Glu Cys Arg Val Ile Leu Pro Lys
 325 330 335
 Phe His Phe Asp Met Thr Asn Glu Leu Lys Glu Ser Leu Val Lys Leu
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 Arg Gly Gln Gly Val Gln Asn Arg Leu Gln Val Ser Asn Val Ile Gln
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 Lys Ala Gly Ile Ile Val Asp Glu Lys Gly Ser Thr Ala Tyr Ala Ala
 385 390 395 400
 Ser Glu Val Ser Leu Val Asn Lys Phe Gly Asp Asp Glu Phe Val Met
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<210> SEQ ID NO 68
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 <220> FEATURE:
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<210> SEQ ID NO 69
<211> LENGTH: 166
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 69

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Thr Phe Ala Lys Pro Gly Leu Trp Asp Ile Val Thr Gly Ile Asn Asp
20          25          30
Met Val Lys Asn Thr Ala Asn Ala Leu Lys Asn Arg Leu Thr Thr Ser
35          40          45
Val Thr Leu Phe Thr Asn Thr Ile Thr Glu Ala Ile Lys Asn Ala Asn
50          55          60
Ser Ser Val Ser Glu Leu Leu Gln Gln Val Asn Glu Thr Leu Thr Asp
65          70          75          80
Ile Ile Asn Gly Val Gly Gln Val Gln Ser Ala Phe Val Asn Ser Ala
85          90          95
Gly Asn Val Val Val Gln Ile Val Asp Ala Ala Gly Asn Val Leu Glu
100         105         110
Val Val Val Asp Glu Ala Gly Asn Ile Val Glu Val Ala Gly Thr Ala
115         120         125
Leu Glu Thr Ile Ile Pro Leu Pro Gly Val Val Ile Gln Lys Ile Ile
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165

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<210> SEQ ID NO 70
<211> LENGTH: 739
<212> TYPE: DNA
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 70

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<210> SEQ ID NO 71
<211> LENGTH: 109
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 71

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Met Val Lys Tyr Ser Cys Leu Val Leu Val Ala Ile Phe Leu Leu Ala
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20          25          30
Ala Lys Tyr Leu Gln Asp Glu Cys Asn Ala Gly Glu Ile Ala Asp Glu
35          40          45
Phe Leu Pro Phe Ser Glu Glu Glu Val Gly Glu Ala Leu Ser Asp Lys
50          55          60
Pro Glu Asn Val Gln Glu Val Thr Asn Ile Val Arg Gly Cys Phe Glu
65          70          75          80
Ala Glu Gln Ala Lys Glu His Gly Lys Cys Glu Arg Phe Ser Ala Leu
85          90          95
Ser Gln Cys Tyr Ile Glu Lys Asn Leu Cys Gln Phe Phe
100         105

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<210> SEQ ID NO 72
<211> LENGTH: 447
<212> TYPE: DNA
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 72

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<210> SEQ ID NO 73
 <211> LENGTH: 115
 <212> TYPE: PRT
 <213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 73

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 1                               10                15
Pro Ala Leu Val Lys Cys Ser Glu Asp Cys Glu Asn Ile Phe His Asp
                20                25                30
Asn Ala Tyr Leu Leu Lys Leu Asp Cys Glu Ala Gly Arg Val Asp Pro
                35                40                45
Val Glu Tyr Asp Asp Ile Ser Asp Glu Glu Ile Tyr Glu Ile Thr Val
                50                55                60
Asp Val Gly Val Ser Ser Glu Asp Gln Glu Lys Val Ala Lys Ile Ile
 65                70                75                80
Arg Glu Cys Ile Ala Gln Val Ser Thr Gln Asp Cys Thr Lys Phe Ser
                85                90                95
Glu Ile Tyr Asp Cys Tyr Met Lys Lys Lys Ile Cys Asn Tyr Tyr Pro
                100               105               110
Glu Asn Met
                115
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<210> SEQ ID NO 74
 <211> LENGTH: 496
 <212> TYPE: DNA
 <213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 74

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<210> SEQ ID NO 75
 <211> LENGTH: 409
 <212> TYPE: PRT
 <213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 75

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 1                               10                15
Gly Ile Gln Gly Ala Pro Lys Ser Ile Asn Ser Lys Ser Cys Ala Ile
                20                25                30
Ser Phe Pro Glu Asn Val Thr Ala Lys Lys Glu Pro Val Tyr Leu Lys
                35                40                45
Pro Ser Asn Asp Gly Ser Leu Ser Thr Pro Leu Gln Pro Ser Gly Pro
                50                55                60
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Phe Val Ser Leu Lys Ile Gly Glu Ser Leu Ala Ile Phe Cys Pro Gly
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 Ala Ser Tyr Ser Cys Asn Lys Ser Thr Ser Thr Asp Thr Ile Glu Thr
 100 105 110
 Glu Glu Val Cys Gly Gly Ser Gly Lys Val Tyr Lys Val Gly Phe Pro
 115 120 125
 Leu Pro Ser Gly Asn Phe His Ser Ile Tyr Gln Thr Cys Phe Asp Lys
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 Lys Asn Leu Thr Pro Leu Tyr Ser Ile His Ile Leu Asn Gly Gln Ala
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 Val Gly Tyr His Leu Lys His Thr Arg Gly Ser Phe Arg Thr Asn Gly
 165 170 175
 Ile Tyr Gly Lys Val Asn Ile Asp Lys Leu Tyr Lys Thr Gln Ile Glu
 180 185 190
 Lys Phe Asn Lys Leu Phe Gly Pro Lys Gln Thr Phe Phe Arg Arg Pro
 195 200 205
 Leu Asn Phe Leu Ser Arg Gly His Leu Ser Pro Glu Val Asp Phe Thr
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 Phe Arg Arg Glu Gln His Ala Thr Glu Met Tyr Ile Asn Thr Ala Pro
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 Gln Tyr Gln Ser Ile Asn Gln Gly Asn Trp Leu Arg Val Glu Asn His
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 Gly Ile Leu Gly Ile Leu Arg Leu Lys Ser Lys Lys Ile Glu Lys Glu
 275 280 285
 Ile Tyr Leu Gly Asp Asp Val Ile Ala Val Pro Ala Met Phe Trp Lys
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 Ala Val Phe Asp Pro Gln Lys Gln Glu Ala Ile Val Phe Val Ser Ser
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 Ser Ile Gly Leu Thr Ile Cys Cys Lys Leu Glu Glu Phe Val Lys Arg
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 Asn Lys Ile Ile Leu Pro Lys Glu Val Asn Asn Lys Asn Tyr Thr Lys
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<210> SEQ ID NO 76

<211> LENGTH: 1281

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 76

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<210> SEQ ID NO 77

<211> LENGTH: 160

<212> TYPE: PRT

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 77

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Ile Thr Ala Thr Asp Leu Ile Glu Lys Glu Leu Ser Asp Cys Lys Lys
                20           25           30
Ile Phe Ile Ser Lys Ala Glu Leu Thr Trp Phe Gln Ala Leu Asp Phe
                35           40           45
Cys Thr Glu Gln Asn Leu Thr Leu Leu Ser Ile Lys Ser Ala Arg Glu
50           55           60
Asn Asp Glu Val Thr Lys Ala Val Arg Ala Glu Val His Leu Pro Asp
65           70           75           80
Thr Lys Lys Ser His Ile Trp Leu Gly Gly Ile Arg Tyr Asp Gln Asp
                85           90           95
Lys Asp Phe Arg Trp Ile Ser Asp Gly Thr Thr Val Thr Lys Thr Val
100          105          110
Tyr Ile Asn Trp Tyr Gln Gly Glu Pro Asn Gly Gly Arg Tyr Gln Lys
115          120          125
Glu Phe Cys Met Glu Leu Tyr Phe Lys Thr Pro Ala Gly Gln Trp Asn
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<210> SEQ ID NO 78

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<211> LENGTH: 671

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 78

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<210> SEQ ID NO 79

<211> LENGTH: 160

<212> TYPE: PRT

<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 79

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Ile Thr Ala Ala Asp Leu Thr Glu Lys Glu Leu Ser Asp Gly Lys Lys
           20           25           30
Ile Phe Ile Ser Lys Ala Glu Leu Ser Trp Phe Asp Ala Leu Asp Ala
           35           40           45
Cys Thr Glu Lys Asp Leu Thr Leu Leu Thr Ile Lys Ser Ala Arg Glu
50           55           60
Asn Glu Glu Val Thr Lys Ala Val Arg Ala Glu Val His Leu Pro Asp
65           70           75           80
Thr Lys Lys Ser His Ile Trp Leu Gly Gly Ile Arg Tyr Asp Gln Asp
           85           90           95
Lys Asp Phe Arg Trp Ile Ser Asp Gly Thr Thr Val Thr Lys Thr Val
100          105          110
Tyr Ile Asn Trp Tyr Gln Gly Glu Pro Asn Gly Gly Arg Tyr Gln Lys
115          120          125
Glu Phe Cys Met Glu Leu Tyr Phe Lys Thr Pro Ala Gly Gln Trp Asn
130          135          140
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<210> SEQ ID NO 80

<211> LENGTH: 672

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 80

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<210> SEQ ID NO 81
<211> LENGTH: 399
<212> TYPE: PRT
<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

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<400> SEQUENCE: 81

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Leu Gly Ala Asp Thr Gln Gly Tyr Lys Trp Lys Gln Leu Leu Tyr Asn
20          25          30
Asn Val Thr Pro Gly Ser Tyr Asn Pro Asp Asn Met Ile Ser Thr Ala
35          40          45
Phe Ala Tyr Asp Ala Glu Gly Glu Lys Leu Phe Leu Ala Val Pro Arg
50          55          60
Lys Leu Pro Arg Val Pro Tyr Thr Leu Ala Glu Val Asp Thr Lys Asn
65          70          75          80
Ser Leu Gly Val Lys Gly Lys His Ser Pro Leu Leu Asn Lys Phe Ser
85          90          95
Gly His Lys Thr Gly Lys Glu Leu Thr Ser Ile Tyr Gln Pro Val Ile
100         105         110
Asp Asp Cys Arg Arg Leu Trp Val Val Asp Ile Gly Ser Val Glu Tyr
115        120        125
Arg Ser Arg Gly Ala Lys Asp Tyr Pro Ser His Arg Pro Ala Ile Val
130        135        140
Ala Tyr Asp Leu Lys Gln Pro Asn Tyr Pro Glu Val Val Arg Tyr Tyr
145        150        155        160
Phe Pro Thr Arg Leu Val Glu Lys Pro Thr Tyr Phe Gly Gly Phe Ala
165        170        175
Val Asp Val Ala Asn Pro Lys Gly Asp Cys Ser Glu Thr Phe Val Tyr
180        185        190
Ile Thr Asn Phe Leu Arg Gly Ala Leu Phe Ile Tyr Asp His Lys Lys
195        200        205
Gln Asp Ser Trp Asn Val Thr His Pro Thr Phe Lys Ala Glu Arg Pro
210        215        220
Thr Lys Phe Asp Tyr Gly Gly Lys Glu Tyr Glu Phe Lys Ala Gly Ile
225        230        235        240
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Tyr Tyr Leu Ala Gly Ser Ala Ile Lys Val Tyr Ser Val Asn Thr Lys
260        265        270

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 Gly Gly Leu Trp Phe Met Ser Asn Gly Phe Pro Pro Ile Arg Lys Ser
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<210> SEQ ID NO 82

<211> LENGTH: 1429

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 82

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<210> SEQ ID NO 83
 <211> LENGTH: 170
 <212> TYPE: PRT
 <213> ORGANISM: Lutzomyia longipalpis

<400> SEQUENCE: 83

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 35 40 45
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 50 55 60
 Leu Phe Ala Glu Val Asp Gly Lys Ile Thr Pro Val Ala Met Ile Gly
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 85 90 95
 Ser Gly Asp Tyr Ser Val Lys Leu Tyr Asp Glu Glu Gly Tyr Gly Ala
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 Val Arg Lys Ala Gln Arg Ser Gly Glu Glu Asn Lys Val Lys Pro Leu
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 Ala Thr Val Val Val Arg His Pro Gly Thr Tyr Thr Gly Pro Trp Phe
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 <211> LENGTH: 73
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<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 85

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 20 25 30

Asp Tyr Tyr Ile Thr Glu Gly Tyr Asp Gly Val Lys Glu Lys Arg Glu
 35 40 45

Ile Glu Leu Val Pro Val Thr Phe Gly Ile Phe Asn Ile His Thr Thr
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<210> SEQ ID NO 86

<211> LENGTH: 379

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 86

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<210> SEQ ID NO 87

<211> LENGTH: 76

<212> TYPE: PRT

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 87

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 20 25 30

Lys Leu Gln Asp Asp Ala Asn Glu Pro Asp Asp Ser Leu Asp Leu Asp
 35 40 45

Glu Gly Leu Pro Asp Ala Phe Asp Glu Asp Tyr Asn Asn Gln Ala Glu
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Tyr Lys Pro Asn Pro Arg Gly Asp Tyr Arg Arg Arg
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<211> LENGTH: 526

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 88

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<400> SEQUENCE: 89

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<211> LENGTH: 1239

<212> TYPE: DNA

<213> ORGANISM: *Lutzomyia longipalpis*

<400> SEQUENCE: 91

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What we claim is:

1. A composition comprising an expression vector, wherein the vector comprises a polynucleotide encoding one or more polypeptides encoding one or more LJM17 polypeptides having at least 80% sequence identity to a polypeptide having the sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5, 7, 15, or 17, and wherein the expression vector is selected from the group consisting of pVR2001-TOPO, pVR2001-TOPA and ALVAC.

2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide has at least 70% sequence identity to a polynucleotide having the sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 6, 8, 16, 18, 21 or 91.

3. The composition of claim 1, wherein the vector is selected from the group consisting of pVR2001 LJM17 comprising a polynucleotide having the sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:9, vCP2390 comprising a polynucleotide having the sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:93 or SEQ ID NO:92, and mixture thereof.

4. The composition of claim 1 further comprising a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable vehicle, diluent or excipient.

5. The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises at least one *Leishmania* antigen.

6. The composition of claim 5, wherein the *Leishmania* antigen is KMP11.

7. The composition of claim 5, wherein the *Leishmania* antigen is inactivated *Leishmania*.

8. A vector comprising one or more polynucleotides selected from the group consisting of:

- a) a polynucleotide encoding a LJM17 polypeptide having at least 80% sequence identity to a polypeptide having the sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5, 7, 15, or 17;
- b) a LJM17 encoding polynucleotide having at least 70% sequence identity to a polynucleotide having the sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 6, 8, 16, 18, 21, or

91; wherein the vector is an in vivo expression vector or an in vitro expression vector selected from the group consisting of pVR2001-TOPO, pVR2001-TOPA, and ALVAC.

9. A host cell transformed with the vector of claim 8. 5

10. A method of vaccinating a subject susceptible to *Leishmania* comprising at least one administration of the composition or vector according to claim 1.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the subject is human, canine, or feline. 10

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